

# Second Baccalaureate Policy

## ROWAN UNIVERSITY POLICY

**Title:** *Second Baccalaureate Degree Policy*

**Subject:** *Academic Affairs*

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**Issuing Authority:** *Provost / Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs*

**Responsible Officer:** *Deans*

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### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the requirements for both concurrent and successive baccalaureate degrees.

### II. ACCOUNTABILITY

Under direction of the Provost, all Deans and Department Chairs shall implement this policy and all faculty shall ensure compliance with the policy.

### III. APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all students of Rowan University.

### IV. POLICY

#### 1. **Concurrent** Second Baccalaureate Degree:

- a. The University shall appropriately and fully recognize the completion of degree and major program requirements according to college. Since different degrees, such as the B.A. and the B.S., are distinct educational packages, or frameworks, the recognition shall also be kept distinct. If a student has fully completed two major programs, this should be recognized. However, if both programs are within the same type of bachelor's degree framework (B.A., B.S., B.F.A., etc.), then only one bachelor's degree shall be awarded and a double major recorded. Education dual majors shall be considered a double major for a B.A. unless the requirements for a second degree in a different bachelor's framework are also fully met. To fully meet the requirements would include meeting all general education requirements for each degree. If the two programs are not in the same degree framework, then a second bachelor's degree shall be awarded only if the student meets the following requirements:
  - Regular admission to and matriculation in both major programs.
  - Full completion of all requirements in both major programs and certification by both departments, or program coordinators, involved.

- b. In addition to the above, which governs the award of concurrent bachelor's degrees, the University also has a policy for the award of successive bachelor's degrees. For more information, students are encouraged to contact the Admission's Office.

2. **Successive** Second Baccalaureate Degree:

- a. In certain instances and under certain circumstances, students may qualify for the awarding of a second, **successive**, baccalaureate degree. Students who seek a second, **successive**, baccalaureate degree are encouraged to discuss the matter with their faculty advisers. To qualify for the second, **successive**, baccalaureate degree, students must have already received their first degree from a regionally accredited institution and must complete the necessary application for admission. Students who have completed a bachelor's degree at Rowan University may be considered transfer students who desire a second, **successive**, bachelor's degree.
- b. The candidate must **fully meet admission requirements for the program and must meet all general education requirements for the successive degree**. Therefore, a second, **successive**, bachelor's degree shall be awarded only if the student meets the following requirements:
- Regular admission to and matriculation in the major program.
  - Completion of all general education and elective requirements for the successive degree according to the college(s) and major programs involved. Equivalent general education and elective credits earned in the first baccalaureate degree may be applied to the **successive** degree.
  - Students must complete a minimum of thirty (30) credits at Rowan University subsequent to completion of the first degree.