

Dual Degrees and Double Majors

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Undergraduate Programs

- 1. What are the benefits of declaring a double major or dual degree?**

A double major/dual degree allows you to expand your knowledge and gain skills and expertise in two fields. Earning two degrees demonstrates that you are motivated, hard-working and determined. This distinction can make you more competitive during the hiring process when starting your career.
- 2. What is the difference between a double major or dual degree? They sound like the same thing.**

A double major combines two majors within the same degree (e.g., English and Sociology majors in the B.A. degree). A dual degree combines two majors within different degrees (e.g., Architectural Studies major in the B.A. degree and Construction Management major in the B.S. degree). In some cases, some degrees have requirements in addition to major requirements that you will be required to complete for that degree.
- 3. Can I double major or earn a dual degree in anything?**

No, there are certain combinations that are not allowed. Some are not permitted by the college, and you will need to talk to your advisor (or an advisor for the second major if in a different college) to find out which are allowed. You cannot earn a second major/degree in any one of the following due to the generalist nature of the program: A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program, B.A. degree in Applied Media, B.S. degree in Professional Studies, B.I.S. degree in Integrative Studies or B.T.A.S. degree in Technical and Applied Studies.
- 4. What do I need to know before adding on a second major or degree?**

The decision to double major/dual degree should be made early in your college career to ensure you can meet requirements in four years. Otherwise, you may need to make an additional commitment of time and finances. You will need to plan your semesters carefully and know you may not have much space in your schedule for electives or interesting classes outside of your majors. And students who are heavily invested in athletics, student clubs, work, etc., should think very carefully about more than one major.
- 5. Do I need to take more credit hours for a double major/dual degree?**

You will need to complete all the requirements for the two programs and, depending on the combination, it could add additional courses to what you will need to graduate.
- 6. Can I double-count courses toward both majors?**

Yes. If a course is required in both majors, it will count toward both majors. In addition, courses taken for one major may count toward elective credit in the other major.
- 7. Do I have to take the Kent Core twice?**

No, the Kent Core and other university requirements will be shared among the two majors/degrees.

8. How will I know what to take?

Once you are enrolled in both majors/degrees, your GPS degree audit will list all your requirements. If both majors lead to the same degree (double major, e.g., B.A.), all requirements will be on the same page. If the majors lead to different degrees (dual degree, e.g., B.A. and B.S.), you will be able to toggle between the two program requirements by clicking on the degree button on the top right of the screen.

9. Will I receive two diplomas?

Yes, you will receive a diploma for each degree program earned.

10. Can I declare more than one concentration in a major?

Talk to your program coordinator to see if declaring two concentrations within that specific major is permissible.

11. If I drop one of the majors, can I return to earn it?

Yes, you can. However, be aware of [catalog rights and exclusions](#) and future financial aid eligibility. Talk to your advisor to discuss the benefits and challenges of dropping one major.

12. Am I required to graduate with both degrees at the same time?

No, you may graduate at different times with each degree. However, you may not be eligible for future financial aid if you have earned a bachelor's degree. Contact the [Financial, Billing and Enrollment Center](#) to discuss your options.

13. I earned a bachelor's degree and would like to come back to earn another bachelor's degree. Am I eligible for federal financial aid?

It depends on what degree you are coming back to pursue. Please see the [Financial, Billing and Enrollment Center website](#) for information on aid eligibility for post-undergraduate students.

14. I earned a bachelor's degree from another university. Can I come to Kent State and earn another degree?

Yes. If you earned a degree from another institution, you could transfer your coursework to Kent State to pursue an additional degree. However, there are certain degrees that would not be allowed, please see the policy for combinations now allowed. In addition, see the [Financial, Billing and Enrollment Center website](#) for information on aid eligibility for post-undergraduate students.