



Academic Senate

07/AS/19/GC

Second and Dual Degrees and Concentrations Policy

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of California State University, Stanislaus approve the attached Second and Dual Degrees and Concentrations Policy.

RATIONALE:

The University currently has a policy in place to allow for students to pursue a second graduate degree or concentration, following completion of the first. However, no policy exists for students wishing to pursue a second degree or concentration concurrently with the first degree or concentration, i.e. a dual degree or concentration. Consequently, graduate programs and students have lacked guidance on how to proceed in these cases.

Additionally, several graduate programs have recently or will soon be making significant changes to their curriculum, including new degrees and concentrations. Some of these changes are in relation to Executive Order 1071 Revised, which specifies that new concentrations must constitute less than one half of the units required in the degree program. These curricular and programmatic changes necessitate a revised policy on second and dual degrees and concentrations that describes under which circumstances students can pursue these options.

The new policy provides clarity regarding special circumstances around the application process, pre-requisites, and culminating experiences. It also specifies that a maximum of 50% of units for the first degree can be applied towards the second degree, and a maximum of 50% of the units from the first concentration (beyond the core coursework required for all concentrations) may be applied to meet the requirements of the second concentration. Individual graduate programs are still able to set lower levels of unit sharing between degrees or concentrations.

Approved by the Academic Senate on 04/02/19

Approved by President Ellen Junn on 04/29/19