

## Student Rules and Regulations Committee

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### **EXISTING RULE: 14.3 Undergraduate Double Majors**

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14.3.2 A student currently enrolled at Texas A&M University must receive approval for the second major from the departments, programs, or college(s) offering both majors by the time of the official 95-hour degree audit, and must meet the grade point requirements of the academic department of the second major at the time of application. The form stating that the student has been approved to pursue the second major, must be sent immediately to the department, program, or college in which the first major is located. Some degree programs may limit or not permit pursuit of double majors.

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### **JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:**

Historically students have been limited to pursuing a maximum of two majors concurrently by our current student information management system (SIMS). This rule change is intended to maintain the past practice of allowing only two majors to be pursued concurrently in Texas A&M's new Compass system. Many students have successfully completed double majors. To allow unlimited additional majors for a single degree would not only increase the difficulty in accurately advising a student, it would also be contrary to a number of State incentives to decrease the time it takes students to complete baccalaureate degrees.

### **COMMENTS:**

- Approved by the Student Rules and Regulations Committee on 10/17/2008.
- **Approved by Faculty Senate on 12/8/2009.**
- **Approved by President Murano on 1/25/2009.**

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