

Guideline for Academic Definitions

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Program and Related Terms¹

Term	Definition Components
Academic Content	
Degree Program	<p>Degree programs regularly have special/unique:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admissions • Content/curriculum • Diploma <p>50% difference in curriculum/courses between degree programs</p> <p>Impact on transcript:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree noted on transcript <p>Impact on diploma:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree noted on diploma
Concentration	<p>Curriculum/content must have at least 20% difference in curriculum/courses between other programs in these areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses, practicum, and/or research <p>Must have enough qualified faculty (according to professional accreditation standards) to teach/guide a concentration</p> <p>Must have appropriate clinical practice sites, if applicable</p> <p>Impact on transcript:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concentration may be noted on transcript depending on program's needs <p>Impact on diploma:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concentration may be noted on diploma depending on program's needs
Specialization	<p>Adds to the concentration</p> <p>Impact on transcript:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialization <i>not</i> noted on transcript <p>Impact on diploma:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialization <i>not</i> noted on diploma

¹ Any deviation, driven by professional accrediting practice, must be approved by the Provost.

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Academic Content	
Major	<p>Only undergraduate levels</p> <p>Impact on transcript:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major noted on transcript <p>Impact on diploma:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major noted on diploma
Minor	<p>Only undergraduate levels</p> <p>Impact on transcript:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor noted on transcript <p>Impact on diploma:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor noted on diploma
Delivery Methodologies	
Track	<p>Schedule options for taking a degree program</p> <p>Impact on transcript:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track <i>not</i> noted on transcript <p>Impact on diploma:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track <i>not</i> noted on diploma
Modality²	<p>Modalities for program delivery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On main campus - 50% or more • Online - 50% or more • Off-campus³ - 50% or more - domestic and international <p>Impact on transcript:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modality <i>not</i> noted on transcript <p>Impact on diploma:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modality <i>not</i> noted on diploma

² Whenever an existing program adds a new modality, a full proposal must be approved through the established processes in coordination with the Provost's Office.

³ Ibid.