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# Graduate Catalog 2018-2019

## Glossary



### **Credit by Examination**

An award of academic credit and placement based on examination scores.

### **Credit Hour (also called Semester Credit Hour)**

A unit of measure attached to academic courses, usually reflecting the number of lecture hours per week a course meets in a fall or spring semester.

### **Curriculum**

A combination of courses that compose a particular area of study.

### **Dean**

The highest ranking academic official in a college (e.g., College of Education).

### **Declaration of Major/Minor Form**

The form submitted by an undergraduate student to officially declare a major and/or minor. The form is submitted to the departmental chair of the department housing the student's declared major.

### **Degree**

An academic credential awarded upon the completion of a specific area of study. Universities offer baccalaureate degrees at the undergraduate level and master's and doctoral degrees at the graduate level.

### **Degree Plan**

A specific list of academic requirements that must be completed to earn a degree.

### **Departmental Chair**

An individual responsible for the administrative functions of an academic department. The functions include, but are not limited to, coordination of curriculum planning, faculty course assignments, and evaluation of faculty performance.

### **Developmental Courses**

Courses designed to help student achieve the minimum standards set by the Texas Success Initiative (TSI).

Developmental courses are listed with either a "031" or "032" course number and **do not** count toward the hours needed for graduation.

### **Double Degree**

The concurrent pursuit of two specific majors, each with a different type of degree (e.g., BS with a major in mathematics and a BA with a major in English). The student must be awarded both degrees at the same graduation date.

### **Double Major**

The concurrent pursuit of two specific majors with both resulting in the same type of degree (e.g., BS with majors in Biology and Chemistry). The student must be awarded both majors at the same graduation date.

### **Drop/Add**

A term used to identify the act of deleting/adding courses from/to an established schedule.

### **Drop Date**

The latest date that a student may drop a class without a letter grade being assigned. Dropping a class after this date results in a grade of "F" for the course.

### **Dual Credit**

The receipt of high school and college credit for the same course for qualified high school students enrolled in college-