

## **Guidelines for Reporting Major Program Credit Requirements**

In calculating the credits required to complete a major, departments must report a range with a minimum and maximum value.

- The minimum value in the range should exclude courses that can be waived by placement and should reflect choices available within the major requirements that minimize credit hours, but must otherwise include all courses and prerequisites, even those offered by another department (cognates) and those that could be counted towards a General Education requirement.
- The maximum value in the range should represent the total number of hours in required courses and their prerequisites, making selections that would maximize the number of hours taken and count all prerequisites and courses in other disciplines (cognates).
- Each program may add a statement advising students of the courses in the major that may also be used to satisfy General Education requirements. This statement will appear in the same location in the catalog directly beneath the range of credits required to complete the major.
- These same rules will be considered a College-wide standard for specifying the size of a major as measured in required credit hours in other contexts as well.

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