



Policies for Sequential Second Bachelor's Degree Applications

PLEASE NOTE:

Earning a sequential second bachelor's degree from the College of Arts and Sciences (College) at IU Bloomington can be a beneficial experience; however, many students with a completed bachelor's degree would be better served by attending graduate school or pursuing employment. We recommend you consult with advisors in potential graduate programs and career advisors at your alma mater to determine what credentials are necessary to pursue your professional goals.

ELIGIBILITY:

In order to be eligible to enter the College as a Sequential Second Degree student, you must have the following in place at the time of application:

- A completed bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- A proposed sequential second degree major that is substantively different from the major or concentration of any previously earned degree
- A minimum 2.500 College GPA in courses previously taken that are applicable to the major of the sequential second degree
- A minimum 2.500 cumulative College GPA in all previous college/university-level coursework
- Completion of the English Composition requirement at the time of application. Current information about the requirement can be found [here](#).

POLICIES AND RESTRICTIONS:

- The student must follow all College degree requirements in effect at the approved start date for the second degree program.
- The student must complete at least 36 College credit hours at IUB as a degree-seeking student. These credits cannot have been used toward a previous degree.
- The student must complete at least 18 credit hours in the major as a sequential second degree student on the IUB campus.
- The student must complete all [College of Arts and Sciences Education \(CASE\) requirements](#).
- The student must comply with the Course Sequence Map approved with their application.
- A second bachelor's degree may not be pursued simultaneously with a graduate degree.
- Only under rare circumstances (and with permission of an academic dean in advance) may a second degree student enroll in a graduate course.
- A change in major for the second degree requires permission of the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs and is not granted automatically.
- Guidelines for good academic standing, probation, and dismissal are outlined by the College Recorder's Office [here](#). Please note that dismissal is final for sequential second degree candidates.
- If requested before the start date of the term for which you originally applied, you may defer your entry term for one semester (excluding summer terms). You must contact both the IU Office of Admissions and the College to request the deferral. For any deferral period longer than one term, you must submit a new application.
- Courses taken in non-degree status may only count towards a sequential second bachelor's degree by special advance permission of the College.
- Students admitted to the second degree program who have not previously attended IU Bloomington are required to attend [New Student Orientation for Transfer Students](#).