Advisor's Guide to Major/Minor Policies

General Information

- In addition to this document, see our *DartWorks Dashboard* guides to [review and approve a plan](#) and use the [find students tool](#).
- If you grant an exception to your department's standard major/minor requirements, email Registrar@Dartmouth.edu so the student's degree audit can be updated to include that information.
- [Additional guides](#) are available to assist students with *DartWorks*, including a [video guide](#) detailing how to create and submit a major plan.

Important Major/Minor Policies

The [ORC/Catalog](#) includes several policies concerning majors/minors. The below chart summarizes many of these policies for easy reference. **This is not an exhaustive list**, and advisors are encouraged to review the [ORC/Catalog](#).

Subject Area	Policy Details	ORC/Catalog citation
Minimum Courses Required	• Majors must include a minimum of 10 courses, including prerequisites. • Minors must include a minimum of 6 courses. 2 of the 6 credits may be prerequisites, but minors may include additional prerequisites. • Modified majors include a minimum of 10 courses, with at least 6 in the primary department and at least 4 in the secondary department	[Standard Departmental or Program Major](#) [The Minor](#) [Modified Major](#)
Maximum number of majors/minors	• Students may have a maximum of 3 total majors and minors. Note a student may not declare a minor until a major has been declared.	[The Major](#)

NRO	• Courses that receive an NR grade cannot be used towards the major, except for:
	    ○ Courses taken as prerequisites to the major
	    ○ Courses taken in 2020 summer term
	• At most 1 course with an NR grade may count in the minor, including prerequisites and 2020 summer term courses.
		[Non-Recording Option](#)
		
		[Summer 2020 NRO Policy](#)

CT/NC	• Credit/no-credit courses may be counted towards the major/minor if approved by the department/program.	[Credit/No Credit Courses](#)
First-Year Seminars	• First-Year Seminars may not count towards the major	[Requirements for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts](#)
Using a course towards multiple majors/minors	• A single course may not be used towards multiple majors/minors unless it is a prerequisite course to one or both majors/minors. • If a student attempts to count a course towards multiple majors/minors, the *DartWorks Dashboard* displays an error message.	[Multiple Majors](#) [The Minor](#)
Multiple majors/ minors within a department/program	• Multiple majors may not be within the same department or program, except when a department offers separate and dissimilar majors, as approved by the COI. ○ See the [list of invalid major/minor combinations](#).	[Multiple Majors](#) [The Minor](#)
Culminating Experience	• The culminating experience must be taken for credit and graded. • While departments/programs may make exceptions to their published major/minor requirements as they determine appropriate, an exception to the published major culminating experience must be approved by the Committee on Instruction. • If a student requests an exception to the Culminating Experience, contact Registrar@Dartmouth.edu for petition instructions.	[Culminating Experience in the Major](#) [The Major](#)