

## Attachment 2

### Proposed Changes to the Undergraduate Catalog Secondary Majors

Current language:

[http://catalog.k-state.edu/content.php?catoid=13&navoid=1411#mino\\_seco\\_majo](http://catalog.k-state.edu/content.php?catoid=13&navoid=1411#mino_seco_majo)

#### *Secondary majors*

K-State offers secondary majors in Biological Engineering, Gerontology, Global Food Systems Leadership, International Studies, Latin American Studies, and Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. These secondary majors are Open-open to degree-seeking undergraduate or graduate students in all colleges; ~~these secondary majors are designed and are~~ to be taken concurrently with a primary major. Most undergraduate programs of study will allow students to take both a primary and a secondary major within the normal four-year program, especially because courses applied toward the secondary major may also satisfy requirements for general education or restricted electives.

Program requirements follow a common pattern. Each includes two or more of the following features: an interdisciplinary introductory course (which might also satisfy distribution requirements); a list of electives from which students choose about 18 hours; and an interdisciplinary senior seminar featuring supervised independent study.

Each program has a supervisory committee and a director to whom students may refer for advising.

#### Background and Rationale:

The Director of the NRES (Natural Resource and Environmental Sciences) secondary major program noted that when the APD (Architecture, Planning and Design) degrees were bachelor's degrees, a number of the APD students participated in and completed the NRES secondary major. However, now that the APD degrees are all graduate degrees (master's degrees), the APD students are no longer allowed to participate because secondary majors were defined as available only to "degree-seeking undergraduate students." Thus, the definition of Secondary Major has been changed to include being available to all degree-seeking students, both undergraduate and graduate, wanting to pursue a secondary major at any level.

*Effective upon approval by Faculty Senate*