

### **New Policy Regarding Double Majors/Dual Degrees**

Effective date: January 14, 2019

#### **Prior to August 26, 2019**

The Business Administration (BADM) double major policy has been expanded to include the Accountancy major and Finance major, where a student can choose any two of the seven Gies Business majors as double majors on one degree (124 credit hours). Current students may elect any two Gies Business majors as EITHER dual degrees (154 credit hours, two degrees) or double majors (124 credit hours, one degree with any two Business majors), up until this date.

ICT students entering Gies Business for the Fall 2019 semester will be informed of this opportunity and deadline in their admissions notice and in the early July communication from advisors. Students entering UIUC for the first time in Fall 2019 (OCT and freshmen) will not have the option to declare dual degrees with two business majors.

***DOUBLE MAJORS:*** If you elect double majors, you must fulfill the course requirements for both majors and complete a minimum of 124 credit hours to earn one degree. It is not possible to choose three majors for one degree. Registration priority is given for both majors. Students must select a primary major and secondary major, which will indicate the order listed on degrees and transcripts.

***DUAL DEGREES:*** If you elect dual degrees, you must fulfill the course requirements for all majors and earn at least 30 additional hours of University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign credit (minimum of 154 hours for two Gies Business Bachelor's degrees). If you wish to have three majors, it would require double majors on one degree and a single major on the second degree. Students may select no more than two majors in the Department of Business Administration and no more than three majors total. While students must have declared dual degrees by 8/26/19 if they wish to pursue them, they can elect to remove the dual degrees and switch to double majors, in any of the seven majors, at any time prior to earning their degrees. At least 90 hours must be University of Illinois credit. Must be completed within the allowable 9-semester limit on enrollment. Registration priority is given for all majors. To meet the requirements to sit for the CPA examination in Illinois, students considering a dual degree that includes accountancy will need to complete either (a) a master's degree in accountancy or (b) in excess of 30 credits in accountancy courses.

**Process August 26, 2019 and later for ALL students**

The previous dual degrees policy will no longer be an option for current and incoming students (with the exception of students who had already declared them). Students who elect to have any two business majors will be working toward one degree (double majors). If you elect double business majors, you must fulfill the course requirements for both majors and complete a minimum of 124 credit hours to earn one degree. Registration priority is given for both majors. Students must select a primary major and secondary major, which will indicate the order listed on degrees and transcripts. It is not possible to choose three majors for one degree.

All freshmen and off-campus transfer students who enter UIUC Fall 2019 or later will only have the single major or double majors options available to them.

**Notes:**

- Each major in the College of Business requires seven to nine courses and students who wish to earn an additional major must fulfill the course requirements for both majors.
- Students may double count major courses, when possible, provided they meet the requirements for both majors while completing at least 12 hours of unique advanced coursework for each major.
- The designations of the ***Primary*** and ***Secondary*** majors are necessary for the ordinal orders of the two declared majors within our students' baccalaureate business degrees. Our students will soon have the privilege to custom design their Gies baccalaureate degrees as noted upon their diplomas and transcripts.
- Earning a second major outside of Business would require a dual degree and the completion of 154 credit hours.

**Declaring Double Majors or Dual Degrees**

To declare a single major, change major, change from dual degrees to double majors, and any needs regarding adding, changing, or removing majors in Gies Business please fill out the form:

<https://go.business.illinois.edu/declaremajor>