



## ADMISSION TO STUDY FOR A SECOND BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

Individuals, who have previously earned a baccalaureate degree from a regionally-accredited institution, including Framingham State University, may be admitted to study for a second baccalaureate degree. However, the intended bachelor's degree as well as the major program of study must be different from the one already awarded.

If the applicant already holds a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), they cannot apply to a second B.A. degree. If the applicant already holds a Bachelor of Science (B.S.), they cannot apply to a second B.S. degree. There may be examples where a student has completed a B.A. and would not be eligible to complete a B.S. due to the major program of study the individual has already completed. However, individuals applying to the Bachelor of Science degree, major program in Nursing, are eligible for a second degree regardless of the previously completed baccalaureate degree.

The additional following requirements must be met:

1. The student must apply through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and be interviewed by the Associate Dean of Admissions (or designee).
2. The student is limited to apply only to a major program other than one in which the first degree was received.
3. The student's application to a major program is considered on a space available basis only.
4. The student shall have at least a 2.00 overall final grade point average on their previous degree.
5. The FSU Department Chair of the new major in conjunction with the University Registrar to determine which, if any, of those courses taken to meet the requirements of the first degree may be used in meeting the major requirements of the second degree. This generally excludes the program capstone requirement(s).
6. Notwithstanding the above, FSU Course Residency requirements include a minimum of eight (8) course-credits which must be completed in the new major; and a minimum of two (2) semesters of study must be completed at Framingham State University.
7. The student shall be allowed to transfer only those courses for which a grade of C- (1.70 on a 4.00 scale) or better was received.
8. The student will be considered exempt from completing the FSU General Education model. The student must meet all other graduation requirements including the residency requirements for degree/major/minor, the thirty-two (32) course-credit minimum, all major requirements, minor requirements (if any), grade point average requirement for both degree and major, etc.
9. For students who have earned their first degree at Framingham State University, the same transcript is to be used and the cumulative grade point average is to be continued.
10. Applicants without a four-year equivalent United States baccalaureate degree are subject to the rules for transfer students.

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