

Section III – Majors, Minors, and Concentrations

1. Definitions

- a. Major – A major is the field of academic specialization within the baccalaureate degree. It is defined as the departmental requirements set forth in the catalog, having a minimum of 10 courses totaling at least 30 credit hours, of which a minimum of two must be at the 300-400 level. Interdisciplinary majors may include courses from more than one related academic discipline.
- b. Minor – A minor consists of six courses of three or more credit hours as specified in the catalog. Minors may include courses from more than one related discipline. The six courses for the minor must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher. A student may not earn both a minor and a major in the same field of specialization.
- c. Concentration – A concentration consists of six courses of three or more credit hours in a “specialized area” within a major, as specified by an academic department. It may consist of a selection of courses or an established minor in a specialized area within the major approved by the department. Concentrations may include courses from more than one related academic discipline. The six courses for the concentration must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher. Concentrations are available only to students enrolled in the major under which the concentration is listed.

2. Choice of Major

- a. Students, who enter Norwich as an undeclared BA or BS student, must select a major by the time of registration for the 5th semester.
- b. Students who enter Norwich as Sports Medicine majors must select their concentration by the time they register for their 2nd semester.
- c. Students must meet minimal major course and grade requirements to be accepted by the desired major.

3. Change of Major

A change of major requires the approval of the School Director or Department Chair and must include the assignment of the new advisor and the catalog year that the student will follow. A form for this is available in the Registrar's Office or on the web. Students must obtain the recommendation of the advisor for the major they are leaving.

4. Second Major

A student may apply for a second major. The current advisor, and the School Director or Department Chair of the second major must all approve the application and a second advisor assigned by the

Department Chair or School Director of the second major prior to when the application is brought to the Registrar's Office. The student will follow the catalog year of the primary major.

5. Minor

Academic minors and their requirements are to be found in the academic major section of the catalog. To request a minor, a student is to file an application form with the Registrar's Office. The form is to carry the approval of the student's advisor and of the Department Head or School Director of the academic department that offers the minor. Minor requirements will follow the catalog year of the student's primary major. Minors will not be added after the Bachelor's Degree is awarded.

6. Dismissal From a Major or Minor

School Directors and Department Chairs have the authority to dismiss a student from a major or minor for academic deficiency or unsatisfactory performance in a clinical program or an internship, practicum or program. Copies of dismissal letters must be sent to the Registrar's Office.

7. Concentrations

Academic concentrations and their requirements are to be found in the academic major section of the catalog. Each concentration represents an area specialization within a major and consists of six courses. To declare a concentration, a student is to file a request with the Registrar's Office. The request is to carry the approval of the student's advisor and of the Department Chair. Concentration requirements will follow the catalog year of the student's primary major. Concentrations will not be awarded after the primary Bachelor's Degree is awarded.