

**University Policy Statement** 

## **UPS 410.104**

## **UNDERGRADUATE SUBPROGRAMS: CONCENTRATIONS**

## I. INTRODUCTION

California State University, Fullerton is authorized to award to its students a limited set of specific baccalaureate degrees. Those currently authorized include the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Fine Arts, and the Bachelor of Music. Students pursuing any of these degrees must complete all requirements for graduation, including the specified total number of units required by the university. A minimum of 120 semester units shall be required to meet graduation requirements as outlined in Title 5.

A degree is awarded after the student has successfully completed the specified minimum number of total units required for the degree (120 to 132, depending on major) including:

- A. The university's general education requirements;
- B. The requirements of the major selected by the student, including an upper division writing requirement and;
- C. The balance of the total number of units required for the degree, commonly referred to as free electives. These free electives may be selected in such a manner so as to (1) complete the requirements for a second major, (2) complete the requirements for a minor in a field different from the student's major, (3) complete other requirements, and (4) allow a student to take courses of interest.

## **II. SUBPROGRAMS: CONCENTRATIONS**

The university's requirements for program approval within an academic unit are contained in UPS 410.103. A major is a set of requirements leading to a specific degree. There may be more than one set of course requirements leading to the same major. If these alternative sets are established, they shall be referred to as concentrations. Academic units may host multiple concentrations, but no additional subprogram may exist within a concentration. Each concentration shall contain at least nine distinct units (as per UPS 410.103).

To ensure compliance with National Center for Education Statistics reporting, concentrations shall constitute less than one half of the units required within the major program.

Options, emphases, focuses, tracks, pathways, cognates and other like terms may be used for advising purposes, but they will not be identified as having any official program status in the current University Catalog. Approved concentrations will be indicated on a student's transcript.

Source: University Curriculum Committee