

Double Majors, Dual Degrees, and Minors

Hi, I'm Kayla Hogrefe and I am an Academic Advisor based on the Hartford campus where I support our undergraduate business students. In this video I'm going to share some information regarding academic opportunities with the School of Business, specifically in regards to double majors, dual degrees, and business minors.

When considering your academic path, one great resource to get you started is The Major Experience, which you can access at tme.uconn.edu. Every major at UConn has a profile on TME that details the curriculum of the major, career paths, and more. We recommend students spend some time on TME doing some exploration, even if they feel very sure about their major path.

All of our business majors also have their own webpage on the undergraduate Business website, undergrad.business.uconn.edu. There you can find details about the plan of study, how students engage outside of class in each major, and some information on career paths.

Many students join our community in the School of Business with varying academic interests and a desire to explore more than one major at UConn. For purposes of our discussion today, it is important to distinguish between the terms "double major" and "dual degree."

A double major is when a student completes two different majors within the same school or college at UConn. For example, a student who completes both a Communication major and a Psychology major will complete one degree within the UConn College of Liberal Arts and Sciences with a double major. A dual degree on the other hand is when a student completes two different majors in two different Schools or Colleges at UConn, for example, when a student completes a Psychology major with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and a Finance major with the School of Business.

It is important to note that double majors within the School of Business are not permitted, but we encourage exploration of dual degrees and exploration of completing a business minor with your business major.

If you are interested in a dual degree, here is what is important to remember. All requirements for each degree must be met and you must earn at least 18 credits more than the major that requires the most credits. Not all, but most degrees at UConn require 120 credits. This means that students completing dual degrees will need to complete at least 138 total credits. There are additional stipulations and requirements, which are all listed in the University Catalog.

The School of Business offers two special dual degree programs – EUROBIZ and BizHispanica. EUROBIZ offers students the opportunity to complete any major in the School of Business along with a German Studies major, which is offered through the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The program incorporates a year abroad in Germany where students study at one of our German partner institutions and participate in an internship while abroad. BizHispanica is a similar program where Business students earn a dual degree in Spanish and have the opportunity to study and intern abroad in a Spanish-speaking location. If you are interested in either of these programs, please let your advisor know either during orientation or during your first semester advising appointment and do some exploring on our website.

Another great opportunity are minors. You can find the requirements of all of UConn's minors in the University catalog. The School of Business offers a number of minors that allow students to explore business subject areas outside of your major. For example, you can complete a Finance major with an Accounting minor. Or a Business Data Analytics major with a Management minor.

Be sure to explore all of these options and opportunities, and have conversations with your advisor about your plans and interests. We are happy to support you as you form your academic plan with us in the School of Business.