

2016: Second Baccalaureate Degree; Awarding of

Summary of Key Changes

The Procedure has been updated as follows:

- Changed procedure administrator to the Provost or Designee
- Align with Bulletin and current office practices.



PROCEDURE

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Procedure Administrator: Provost or Designee

Authority: N.J.S.A. 18A:64-6

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Approved By: Dr. Harvey Kesselman, President

PROCEDURE:

A. SECOND BACCALAUREATE DEGREE FROM STOCKTON

A student may be awarded a second baccalaureate degree, after satisfactory completion of a minimum of 32 credits beyond the minimum (128) credit requirements for the first baccalaureate if all other requirements for graduation have been met. The second degree may be awarded simultaneously with or subsequent to the first degree, depending on the time(s) at which all degree requirements are completed.

In order to receive a second baccalaureate degree, the student must complete the procedure outlined below. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all requirements are met.

1. The student must develop the second degree program based on previous work and the requirements for the second degree. The second degree program must include a minimum of 32 credits awarded by Stockton beyond the 128 credits required for the first degree for a minimum of 160 credits overall.
2. No additional credits in General Studies beyond those required for the first degree will be required for the second degree. Second degree students are also exempt from the General Studies outcomes course requirements, e.g., W, Q, A, etc. A student may take additional General Studies credits at his/her discretion as part of the 32 credits required for the second degree. If the student completes the requirements for a minor as well as a second degree, the minor also will be awarded.

3. As soon as a student decides to pursue a second degree, they must submit the online form to declare a second degree with the Center for Academic Advising. It is the student's responsibility to seek a preceptor in the second degree area.

At the beginning of the term in which the student expects to complete graduation requirements, and prior to the deadlines posted on the Academic Calendar, the student must apply for graduation for each degree program through the goStockton Portal. If such degree certifications are reviewed for graduation in the same semester, the degrees may be awarded concurrently.

4. A student who completes the graduation requirements for one degree and is awarded that degree may continue work toward a second degree on an uninterrupted basis. If the student has not already done so, they will need to formally declare the second degree with the Center for Academic Advising. A second degree must be declared prior to the award of the initial degree. Unless these steps are taken, the student will be required to submit a Re-matriculation form to the Office of the Registrar.

B. SECOND BACCALAUREATE DEGREE FOR STUDENTS WITH NON- STOCKTON DEGREES

A student who has been awarded a baccalaureate degree by a regionally accredited institution must be admitted to the University as a transfer student in accordance with current admissions policies and procedures, and must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 32 credits at Stockton. The distribution and total number of credits required for the second degree will be based on the student's previous academic record and the requirements of the second-degree program. General Studies requirements, including the General Studies outcomes course requirements do not apply to second-degree students. A student who was previously awarded a Stockton degree but did not maintain his or her enrollment to continue for a second degree must be readmitted to the University in accordance with current admissions policies and practices, and will be subject to the same requirements as students entering with baccalaureate degrees from other accredited institutions.

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