



Type:	B – Educational (Senate)	Last Approved:	██████
Executive Responsibility:	VP Academic & Provost	Next Review:	██████
Administrative Responsibility:	Registrar and Director, Enrolment Services	Policy:	XX.xx

1. The principal area of study or academic emphasis of the second degree must be in a discipline that is different and distinct from that of the first degree.
2. The student must be admissible to the program of the second degree.
3. The student must complete at least 60 credits beyond those credits required for the first degree and 42 of these 60 credits must be at the 300 or 400 level.
 - a. Students whose previous degree was completed at VIU must complete at least 30 credits with VIU courses, including at least 21 credits numbered 300 or higher.
 - b. Students who did not complete their first degree at VIU must complete all 60 credits with VIU courses.
 - i. With the approval of the Dean and under exceptional circumstances, this amount may be reduced by up to eighteen credits.
4. The student must meet all degree and program requirements prescribed by the Faculty for the second degree beyond those required for the first degree.
5. In certain cases, it is possible to complete the requirements of two VIU degrees concurrently, subject in all cases to the conditions mentioned above.