ACADEMIC AFFAIRS POLICY 2.11
APPROVED ACADEMIC TERMS AND DEGREE DESIGNATIONS

USE of STANDARDIZED ACADEMIC TERMS
The Board of Regents requires colleges, universities, and professional schools to use academic terms and degree designations that are consistent with the Curriculum Inventory of Degree and Certificate Programs (CRIN).

For the purpose of identifying, advertising, and awarding of both undergraduate and graduate credentials, the following terms shall be used for diplomas, transcripts, catalogs, and all publications by public campuses and systems. A degree, technical diploma or certificate is an award conferred on a student by a college, university or professional school upon completion of a unified program of study including a grouping of campus-approved courses and requirements (e.g., minimum GPA). All levels of award are referenced in the aggregate as ‘Degrees’ in the CRIN.

- A Degree Title is the complete label of a Degree Program, consisting of a Degree Designation (e.g., Associate of Science) and the Degree Subject Area (e.g., Biology). It is listed in the Regents’ Inventory under the categories "Degree Level" and "Degree Description/Option" (e.g., Associate of Science in Biology).
  - The Degree Designation for each authorized program at public institutions of higher education is listed in the Board of Regents’ Inventory of Degree and Certificate Programs. Some professional programs include the name of the general subject area as part of the Degree Designation (e.g., Bachelor of Architecture, Master of Social Work) and are listed on the CRIN as approved by the Board of Regents. (A list of authorized designations is attached.)
  - A Degree Subject Area is the primary discipline which constitutes the focus of a program of study listed in the Board of Regents’ Curriculum Inventory. The Degree Subject Area is the same as the Major (e.g., Biology; History; Sociology).

- A Curriculum is a listing of requirements for a degree or credential: required and elective courses, required program activities, and assessments.

For the purpose of identifying, advertising, and awarding of undergraduate degrees, the following terms shall be used for diplomas, transcripts, catalogs, and other publications by public campuses and systems.

- A Major is that part of a Degree Program which consists of a specified group of courses in a particular discipline(s) or field(s). The name of the Major is consistent with the Degree Subject Area on the CRIN. A Major usually consists of 25% or more of total hours required in an undergraduate curriculum. Establishment of a Major requires prior approval by the Board of Regents.

- A Minor is that part of a Degree Program which consists of a specified group of courses in a particular discipline or field, consisting usually of 15% or more of total hours required in an undergraduate curriculum. Minors may be instituted without prior approval by the Board of Regents.

- A Concentration is an alternative track of courses within a Major or Option, accounting for at least 30% of the Major requirements. Concentrations may be instituted without prior approval by the Board of Regents. Example: a concentration in molecular biology within a biology major.

- An Option is an alternative track of courses within a Major, accounting for 50% to 80% of the Major requirements. Establishment of an Option requires prior approval by the Board of Regents; options are listed on the CRIN.

For consistency and clarity the terms "Emphasis," “Track,” "Specialization," or any word other than those listed above describing the sub-unit of an undergraduate Major may not be used on diplomas, transcripts, or in catalogs.
WORDING of CATALOGS, DIPLOMAS, COMMENCEMENT PROGRAMS, TRANSCRIPTS and Other Official Documents

- University/College **Catalogs or Bulletins** shall list and advertise only Degree Titles of academic programs approved by the Board of Regents. Separate curricula may be given only for approved degree titles; minors, concentrations, etc. not listed in the Board of Regents' Curriculum Inventory (CRIN) may be described in the text or footnote. These limitations shall also apply to any official advertisements for academic programs.

- Higher education **Diplomas** for earned degrees shall list and advertise the BoR-approved Degree Designation, as listed on the CRIN. Diplomas may include the name of the approved Degree Subject Area (Major) below the designation, and they may indicate superior academic achievement for outstanding grade point average and/or completion of an approved honors curriculum. Diplomas shall not include the name of the Minor, the Option, the Concentration, or any other descriptive term, except when such terms are included in the CRIN.
  - Certificate and Technical Diploma programs, both undergraduate and graduate, may include the full Degree Title (designation and subject) on the diploma or certificate of award.

- For undergraduate degrees, all higher education **Commencement Programs** shall list the appropriate Degree Designation and may indicate the approved Degree Subject Area (Major), superior academic achievement for outstanding grade point average and/or completion of an approved honors curriculum. Commencement Programs shall not include the name of the Minor, the Option, the Concentration, or any other descriptive term, except when such terms are included in the CRIN.

- For graduate degrees, **Commencement Programs** may also include the Degree Subject Area, the title of the approved thesis and/or dissertation, the name of the major professor, and the name of the awarding department.

- **Student Transcripts** may also list Degree Titles, Majors, Minors, Options, and/or Concentrations. These terms shall not be used to suggest augmentation of a given academic program distinct from the approved Degree Title.
Degree (and Non-Degree) Designations

Public colleges and universities shall identify degree programs on diplomas and commencement programs by the approved Degree Designation. Additional program information (e.g., degree titles, major, minor, concentration) is included on the student transcript.

The standard Degree (and Non-Degree) Designations found on the Curriculum Inventory (CRIN) include:

- AA – Associate of Arts
- AAS -- Associate of Applied Science
- AS – Associate of Science
- BA – Bachelor of Arts
- BAS – Bachelor of Applied Science
- BS – Bachelor of Science
- CAS – Certificate of Applied Science
- CTC – Career and Technical Certificate
- CTS – Certificate of Technical Studies
- EdD – Doctor of Education
- GC – Graduate Certificate
- MA – Master of Arts
- MS – Master of Science
- NX – Nexus
- PAC – Post-Associate Certificate
- PBC – Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
- PhD – Doctor of Philosophy
- PMC – Post-Master’s Certificate
- PPC – Post-Professional Certificate
- TD – Technical Diploma
- UC – Undergraduate Certificate

More specific Degree Designations are primarily related to the Classification of the Instructional Program (CIP) Code of the program and are driven by such considerations as program design, common practice, and professional accreditation. The CIP and Designation are assigned to a program as part of the program/proposal review process and are posted on the CRIN.

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BSPE, MSPE – Bachelor (Master) of Science in Petroleum Engineering  
ME – Master of Engineering  
MSBAE - Master of Science in Biological & Agricultural Engineering  
MSE – Master of Science in Engineering  
MSES – Master of Science in Engineering Science  
MSMSE – Master of Science in Microsystems Engineering  
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| BSME, MSME – Bachelor (Master) of Science in Mechanical Engineering  
MSETM – Master of Science in Engineering & Technology Management  
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| 22 | JD – Juris Doctorate  
JD/GDCL – Juris Doctorate & Graduate Diploma in Comparative Law  
LLM – Master of Laws  
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| 24 | AALT, ASLT – Associate of Arts (or Science), Louisiana Transfer  
MALA –Master of Arts in Liberal Arts  
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| 42 | SSP – Specialist in School Psychology  
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| 43 | ASCJ – Associate of Science in Criminal Justice  
BCJ, MCJ – Bachelor (Master) of Criminal Justice  
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| 44 | BSW, MSW – Bachelor (Master) of Social Work  
MPA – Master of Public Administration  
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| 50 | BFA, MFA – Bachelor (Master) of Fine Arts (also found in CIP 231302)  
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DPT – Doctor of Physical Therapy  
DVM – Doctor of Veterinary Medicine  
MCD – Master of Communication Disorders  
MD – Doctor of Medicine  
MHA – Master of Health Administration  
MHI – Master of Health Informatics  
MHS – Master of Health Sciences  
MN – Master of Nursing  
MOT – Master of Occupational Therapy  
MPAS – Master of Physician Assistant Studies  
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MSD – Master of Science in Dentistry  
OTD – Doctor of Occupational Therapy  
PHARM D – Doctor of Pharmacy  
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| 52 | BBA, MBA, DBA – Bachelor (Master, Doctor) of Business Administration  
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| BSBA – Bachelor of Science in Business Administration | BSCM, MSCM – Bachelor (Master) of Science in Construction Management |
| MACC – Master of Accountancy |