Policy on the Use of Degree, Major, Minor, and Certificate Language

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The University Curriculum Council has approved an extensive list of credit-bearing curricula referred to as certificates, major programs, and minors. A complete list is available through the Ohio University Undergraduate Catalog and the Ohio University Graduate Catalog.

The University Curriculum Council Resolves that:

1. Any university credential bearing the term DEGREE, MAJOR, MINOR, or CERTIFICATE must follow program requirement policies outlined in the UCC Programs Guidelines, Policies, and Procedures manual.
2. Use of the term DEGREE, MAJOR, MINOR, or CERTIFICATE for university or university- sponsored training or credentialing that do not meet UCC program requirements is strictly prohibited.
3. University or university-sponsored training or credentialing that do not meet program requirements may choose to use alternative terms such as training, badge, or micro-credential.
4. Use of third-party certifications as a component of academic, co-curricular, extra-curricular, or

professional development learning and training are permitted.