

Academic Programs Types

Programs are structured around degrees. Because students apply for admission to a degree program and are audited for graduation from that program a minimum of one program exists for each degree code. In many cases there is the need to create more than one program per degree code in order to handle admissions separately for different majors within the degree or due to differing degree audit requirements (e.g. different GPA or credit requirements). Whenever admissions is handled separately or overall degree requirements are quite different, you will usually find separate programs. Sample flavours of program structures follow:

1. **a one-to-one relationship between a program and a degree.** This usually occurs with Certificates and Diplomas. Normally there is only one major valid for the degree.

e.g. Certificate in Proficiency in English

e.g. Diploma in Public Accountancy

2. **a one-to-one relationship between a program and each major code within a degree.** There is more than one major valid for the degree and each combination of degree and major is a separate program.

In the example below B Eng Electrical and B Eng Electrical Honours each have a unique major code and thus separate program codes to indicate separate degree audit requirements.

e.g. Individual programs for B Eng Civil, B Eng Elec, B Eng Elec Honours etc.

3. **a one-to-many relationship between a program and choice of many majors within a degree where there are similar general requirements such as GPA and total credits.**

e.g. one program B Arts with a choice of many major codes

e.g. a separate program for B Arts Honours with a choice of many honours codes

Note that in the example above, although there are many majors attached to each program, a BA degree does require two programs BA and BA Honours to handle very different degree audit requirements. (i.e BA Honours program requires a higher GPA)

4. **Each faculty has one Non-Degree program with majors of Special, Visiting, Quebec Exchange (IUT students), and Non-Quebec Exchange.** The latter two categories are separated from the major of Visiting to permit separate tracking of students and processing of fee exemptions.