

## **LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS CATEGORY DEFINITIONS (from March 24, 1997 Board Minutes)**

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

An **Option** is an alternative track of courses within a Major, accounting for at least 50% of the Major requirements. Establishment of an Option requires 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 by the affected system and campus without prior approval by the Board of Regents

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 Board of Regents' Inventory under the categories "Degree Level" and "Degree Description/Option" (e.g., A.S. in Biology).

A **Curriculum** is a description of required and elective courses for a Degree Program.

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 usually consistent with the Degree Subject Area. 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.

**NOTE:** For consistency and clarity the terms "Emphasis," "Track," "Specialization," or any word other than those listed above describing the sub-unit of a Major may not be used on diplomas, transcripts, or in catalogs.