POLICY: Pursuing a Bachelor's degree with double major

INTRODUCTION:

"Pursuing a Bachelor's degree with double major" outlines the policy for permitting students to pursue a degree program with two majors simultaneously at St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad as per the provision mentioned in the NEP 2020 guidelines. The guidelines aim to enable students to pursue a degree program with double major to enable them to follow a multidisciplinary career path.

PURPOSE:

To establish processes that help students pursue a Bachelor's degree with two majors.

To outline essential requirements and responsibilities of students who want to pursue a Double major degree.

The document also sets direction and provides information about the accepted and prohibited actions to be eligible to earn a double major degree from St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad.

BACKGROUND

Policies help clarify the college's stance in definitive circumstances. Students of St. Xavier's College must agree to abide by and be knowledgeable of specific guidelines for their good.

This policy aims to facilitate the pursuit of two majors simultaneously by students of this college.

This policy is applicable to only to the students who wish to earn UG degree/ UG degree with honors/UG degree with honors with research degree programs at St. Xavier's College

Objectives:

To following objectives were taken into consideration while framing this policy:

- To ensure provision for the students to gain comprehensive expertise in both fields, opening doors to greater career opportunities and academic versatility.
- Enabling an individual to study one or more specialized areas of interest at depth.
- Preparing students for more challenging roles in his/her career path.

Guidelines:

1. To qualify for a double major at St. Xavier's College, students must earn at least 40% of the total credits from their second major for example: the total credits earned at the end of the four years is 176 and at the end of three years is 132.
2. The double major is valid only for the minor subject.
3. The student will need to make up the deficit credits/ additional credit by enrolling in online courses offered by SWAYAM or any other online/ Online Distance Learning (ODL) platform approved by UGC.

4. Permission before pursuing double major course should be sought from the HODs of the two concern departments/ NEP nodal officer and COE using the prescribed format.
5. Upon receiving such applications from students, HODs are expected to ensure that there is no duplication of subjects (subjects offered by the department and subjects chosen by students through online/ODL mode/ SWAYAM).
6. The final approving authority in this regard will be the principal of the College.
7. It is mandatory for the student to submit the certificates of credits earned through the above-mentioned mode to the HOD, COE, and NEP Nodal Officer.
8. No change in the timetable of classes or examinations or any other exemption will be given to students to pursue their second major.
9. The College will ensure that the additional credit earned via online/ ODL mode/ SWAYAM is reflected in student's Academic Bank of Credit.
10. In a four-year undergraduate program with a total credit requirement of 176, a student can earn a double major B.Sc. (Honours/ Honours with Research) in Economics with Mathematics by acquiring at least 70 credits in Mathematics.
11. The student has to pay administrative fees. (Rs. 1500)

REVIEW AND MONITORING:

The NEP nodal officer will monitor the policy to ensure it is fit for purpose, review it regularly, and modify it to reflect changing guidelines from the UGC, college council, or any other statutory body.

ACKNOWLEGDEMENT:

The college acknowledges the following policy of UGC to provide background in preparation of this policy document:

Proposed Format for application to pursue Double Major degree.

The following application needs to be submitted to the principal.

Section A: Personal Information

1. **Full Name** (as per official academic records):
2. **Date of Birth:**
3. **Gender:**
4. **Category:**
5. **Contact Details: (include mobile no, email and communication address):**

Section B: Details of current major the first major program

1. **Program name:**
2. **Student ID:**
3. **Current Semester of Study:**

Section C: Details of the second major program in which student wish to apply.

- **Program name:**
- **Student ID:**
- **Year/Semester of Study:**

Section D: Declaration by the student

- It is my responsibility to earn deficit credits through SWAYAM/ Online or ODL mode approved by UGC in 3rd and 4th .
- I will ensure to submit all due certificates of deficit credit earned to the HOD (of changed major subject),NEP office and COE office at the end of 4th semester or commencement of 5th semester whichever is earlier.
- My application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:

Student: **Parent/Guardian**

Date:

Section G: For Official Use by Institution

Approved By:

Yes/No HOD (of current major)	
Yes/No HOD (of second major)	
Yes/No COE	
Yes/No NEP Nodal officer	
Yes/No Principal	