12 Distinct Credit Worksheet

In order to graduate with an Honours B.A. or B.Sc. degree a student must:

1. Pass at least 20 credits (at least 6.0 credits must be at the C- and/or D-level, with at least 1.0 credit at the D-level & at least 0.5 credit must come from each of the five breadth categories) and
2. Earn a Cumulative GPA of at least 1.85. (or at least 1.60, to graduate with a BA or BSc.) and
3. Complete: a specialist program, ***or*** two majors, ***or*** a major and two minors

If a student is using one of the *combinations* of programs listed above to meet this degree requirement, they must complete a total of at least 12.0 distinct or different full credits that are being used to satisfy program requirements. If you are completing a specialist program, this rule does *not* apply.

Tip: It helps to know the amount of course overlap that *your* specific program combination allows. Calculate here:

Number of credits your first program requires: + _____
Number of credits your second program requires: + _____
Number of credits your third program requires, if applicable: + _____ = _____ **- 12 = _____ Credits (can overlap)**

Complete one of the following exercises to determine if you will meet the 12.0 distinct credit requirement.

Combination of Two Majors*

Refer to your UTSC course Calendar. Look up your program by name then refer to the Program Requirements section. Here you will see the number of credits required for this program. Record below. You will also see a list of the required courses for your program. List the courses in the box below that you are using to complete the requirements of this program. This includes those completed, in progress and planned, if applicable.

Major _____ requires ____ credits, including:	

Major _____ requires ____ Credits, including:	

Look at the courses listed above. Compare the two boxes. Do any of the same courses appear in both boxes? If yes, mark an X beside the duplicate course in just **one** of the boxes. (It doesn't matter which one of the two you flag with the X.) Continue this task until you have identified all the duplicate courses. Now count the courses that **do not** have an X beside them and divide this number in half (because each UTSC course, with very few exceptions, carries a credit value of 0.5). Record number of credits here: → ☐

If this number is 12.0 or greater, you have met the 12.0 distinct credit requirement. If the number is 11.5 or less, you have too many overlapping courses. Look to see if you could make a change to your choices. If after reviewing this, you still do not have 12.0 distinct credits, you will need to discuss this with the supervisor of your program(s). They will need to advise you about additional course(s) that you can take in the program area to meet this requirement.

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Combination of One Major & Two Minors

Refer to your UTSC course Calendar. Look up your program by name then refer to the Program Requirements section. Here you will see the number of credits required for this program. Record this below. You will also see a list of the required courses for your program. List the courses in the box below that you are using to complete the requirements of this program, which includes those completed, in progress and planned, if applicable. Remember that it is your responsibility when choosing courses to minimize the amount of overlap between your programs.

Major _____ requires ____ credits, including:	

Minor_____ requires ____ credits, including:	
Minor _____ requires ____ credits, including:	

Look at the courses listed above. Compare the three boxes. Do any of the same courses appear in more than one box? If a course appears in two boxes, mark an X beside the duplicate course in just **one** of the boxes. (It doesn't matter which one of the two you flag with the X.) If a course appears in all three, mark an X beside it in **two** of the boxes. Continue this task until you have identified all the duplicate courses. Now count the courses that **do not** have an X beside them and divide this number in half (because each UTSC course, with very few exceptions, carries a credit value of 0.5). Record number of credits here: → ☐

If this number is 12.0 or greater, you have met the requirement for presenting 12.0 distinct credits. If the number is 11.5 or less, you have too many overlapping courses. Look to see if you could make a change to some of your choices above. If after reviewing this, you still do not have 12.0 distinct courses, you will need to discuss this with the supervisor of one (or more) of your programs. They will need to advise you about additional course(s) that you can take in the program area so that you can meet this requirement.

*Notes:

Effective Fall 2020, students who choose to complete an additional Minor can include these credits with those of the Major programs to meet the 12.0 distinct credit requirement. Please note that completion of an additional Minor offering is **optional**. The additional minor must be completed to use it toward the 12 distinct credits. To check this, use the instructions above, (as out lined for the combination of One Major & Two Minors) but change the top box on the right to Major rather than Minor.

Please contact the Academic Advising & Career Centre if you require additional help or further clarification.