

Definition of an Emphasis

Area of Emphasis is a specific subject area that exists within an approved degree program and major. At Pittsburg State University a minimum of 12 credit hours and no more than 24 credit hours are expected for an area of emphasis in a baccalaureate degree program.

Definition of a Minor

Minors at Pittsburg State University may range from 15 to 24 credit hours. When selected to accompany a degree that requires a minor there must be at least nine unique credit hours in the minor that are not found in the student's major in order to meet graduation requirements. In instances where the major requires a minor (not the degree type), academic departments/schools may specify minors that best achieve the learning objective for their students.

Definition of Certificate Program

A certificate program can be undergraduate or graduate in course content and provides a specific body of knowledge for personal or career development or professional continuing education. Certificates may be taken while also pursuing a degree or independent from any other studies at Pittsburg State University. It is recommended that if the student is only pursuing a certificate and not in conjunction with a degree and wishes to apply for federal financial assistance that they visit with personnel in the Student Financial Assistance office regarding the eligibility for aid for the certificate of interest. At Pittsburg State University a certificate can range from 12 credit hours to 24 credit hours.

Definition of Hybrid Course

Hybrid Courses meet in person and online. These courses must have established classroom (face-to-face) meeting dates listed in the Schedule of Classes at the time the course is listed.

Definition of On-line Course

On-Line Courses provide 100% of the instruction (course material, discussion, evaluation) on-line, either asynchronously or synchronously, through the learning management system and do not require attendance on campus.

Definition of In-Person Course

In-Person courses are held in person as noted on the course schedule each semester.

Definition of By Appointment Course

Course requires a student to plan with the instructor and /or department regarding course attendance requirements. (Examples include, practicums, student teaching, art or music studio/sessions, internships, independent study, study abroad, and travel.)