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TO: Curriculum Policy Review Board  
FR: Martha Bradley  
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RE: Guidelines for Awarding Multiple Emphases within a Single Major

There is nothing in the University Regulation covering Undergraduate Emphases, Policy 6-117, that explicitly limits students to obtaining only one emphasis per undergraduate major. This issue arose recently when the Department of Chemistry requested from the Undergraduate Council approval for the department’s majors to be allowed to have up to two Chemistry emphases listed on their transcripts.

After a lengthy discussion and thoughtful consideration, the Council approved Chemistry’s request, as well as established the following guidelines for recognizing multiple emphases within a single major:

1. Departments with approved emphases may allow their majors to have up two emphases recognized on their transcripts.
2. Departments with approved emphases wishing to allow their majors to have two emphases listed on their transcripts must get the approval of their college’s curriculum committee, and then must inform the Undergraduate Council.