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The Faculty Senate University Curriculum Committee submits the following explanation to clarify the legislation:

The following rule applies to all cognates: A course may not be used to satisfy the requirements of more than one cognate.

This rule applies whether the cognate requirement is being met by a major, a minor, or a designated cognate. The fact that a school requires students to take courses which the school construes as outside the major or minor, but must be taken to fulfill the requirements for that major or minor, does not allow the course to be counted for both purposes. On the other hand, the fact that a course is listed as one which must be taken to meet the requirements for a major or minor does not necessarily preclude a student from participating in a cognate which has that course as one of its options. In many cases, the student could take one of the other courses which make up the cognate. [NOTE: while the minimum number of courses in a cognate is three, the UCC strongly encourages a cognate to list six courses from which a student takes three].

This rule is not applicable where a school recommends but does not require a particular course be taken in conjunction with the major or minor.