

# SPECIALIZATIONS

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## **Specializations Policy - Graduate Students**

The St. Catherine University Specializations Policy aims to enhance the academic experience for graduate students by providing a structured framework for pursuing specialized coursework outside their standard degree programs. This policy recognizes the importance of interdisciplinary learning and the diverse interests of our graduate student community.

### **Definition of Specialization:**

A specialization is a deliberate set of courses totaling at least 12 graduate credits, designed to build skills and knowledge complementing a student's primary degree program.

### **Course Composition:**

A specialization must consist of at least 12 graduate credits, with a minimum of nine credits from courses outside the student's standard degree program.

### **Approval Process:**

School curriculum committees are responsible for approving all specializations.

### **Declaration Requirement:**

Students must declare a specialization before being granted a degree from their primary program.