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Academic Plan Naming Conventions

The *first four characters* in an academic plan are reserved for the major code (or equivalent). A major code will use all four characters. For example:

- **SOCL** is the code for **Sociology**

The *fifth character* will be a separator. We will use an underscore character "_" to separate the major code from the objective.

The *next two characters* (characters 6 and 7) are reserved for the objective:

- **BA** is the code for **Bachelor of Arts**
- **BS** is the code for **Bachelor of Science**
- **MA** is the code for **Master of Arts**
- **MS** is the code for **Master of Science**
- **MB** is the code for **Master of Business Administration**
- **MP** is the code for **Master of Public Administration**
- **MW** is the code for **Master of Social Work**
- **DE** is the code for **Doctor of Education**
- **CD** is the code for **Credential**
- **CC** is the code for **Clear Credential**
- **CA** is the code for **Advanced Credential**
- **CT** is the code for **Certificate**
- **CV** is the code for a defaulted plan from legacy system conversion
- **NO** is the code for **No Degree Objective**
- **NR** is the code for **Minor**

The *eighth character* will be a separator as well. Again, we will use an underscore character "_" to separate the objective from the program code.

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The ***ninth character*** of the plan code is an embedded version of the program code. This differentiates similar plans in programs and allows identify at a glance of the program to which the plan belongs.

- **B** is the code for **Undergraduate Baccalaureate** – UGRD - UBAC - F/A Eligible
- **S** is the code for **Second Baccalaureate** – PBAC - P2BAC - F/A Eligible
- **T** is the code for **Undergraduate Transitory –** UGRD - UTRAN
- **A** is the code for **Undergraduate Transitory** – UGRD - UTRNA – F/A Eligible
- **E** is the code for **Undergraduate Extension Degree** – UGRD - UEXTD – F/A Eligible
- **X** is the code for **Undergraduate Extension** – UGRD - UEXT
- **M** is the code for **Masters** – PBAC - PMSTR – F/A Eligible
- **C** is the code for **Credential** – PBAC - PCRED – F/A Eligible
- **P** is the code for **Post-Baccalaureate Transitory** – PBAC - PTRAN
- **L** is the code for **Post-Baccalaureate Transitory** – PBAC - PTRNA – F/A Eligible
- **N** is the code for **Post-Baccalaureate No Degree** – PBAC - PNDG
- **F** is the code for **Graduate Extension Degree** – PBAC - PEXTD – F/A Eligible
- **R** is the code for **Second Baccalaureate Regional Programs** - PBAC - P2EXD - F/A Eligible
- **G** is the code for **Graduate Extension** – PBAC – PEXT
- **H** is the code for **Graduate Extension Credential** – PBAC - PEXCR – F/A Eligible
- **D** is the code for **Doctorate** – PBAC - PDOC – F/A Eligible
- **Y** is the code for **Contract Credit** – EXED - EXTCC
- **Z** is the code for **Continuing Education Units** – EXED - EXTCE
- **V** is the code for a defaulted plan from legacy system conversion

For example:

- **SOCL_BA_B**   BA in Sociology for a first-time undergraduate
- **SOCL_BA_S**   BA in Sociology for someone who has previously earned an undergraduate degree
- **SOCL_NR_S**   Minor in Sociology for someone who is pursuing a second or third bachelor's degree

It is anticipated the same coding structure will be used for defining ***Sub-Plans***. However, the first four characters will reflect the area of ***concentration, track, option, emphasis***. The Pomona structure having a Major code within a Sub-Plan appears redundant since a sub-plan must be linked to a plan which already has the coding defined for the majors. The Pomona sub-plan is also restricted to a 2 character coding designation for concentrations which is extremely limiting and convoluted.