California State University, Bakersfield
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.
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 - UTRAN – 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.