State may cut aid to double majors

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Walking through the Integrated Learning Center, Xuemei Cai points out the locale of one of her many marathon study sessions. When she’s a senior, she’ll be one of about 600 students who have accumulated more than 140 units during their college careers. As with all students whose plans include earning both Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees, she’ll graduate with at least 150 units.

That proposal, part of a plan to ax $16 million from the UA budget this year, has drawn criticism from some double degree students, who say the opportunity to earn a whiteboard resemble some of complex physics equations on a whiteboard resemble some of her own course work. For Cai, who’s on track to graduate with degrees in biochemistry, molecular and cellular biology and East Asian studies, studying all night is part of the routine.

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