ELEMENT TITLE:

First Major Link

DEFINITION: Used for linking a multiple major record to a degree record. This 8-character data element is the combination of the 2-character degree sought code and the 6-character program taxonomy of the degree record for which the multiple major was conferred. This element will be populated only when the degree sought code is "99" which means it is a multiple major record not a degree record. All other fields in the record must be reported appropriately.

FORMAT: numeric - 8 characters – Blank is valid

First 2 positions – valid non-certificate degree sought code

Last 6 positions – valid program taxonomy

CODES: See Degree Sought codes – DD30

See Program Taxonomy codes – DD31

COMMENTS: Typically, community colleges do not offer degrees with multiple majors so this element may not be applicable and should be left blank. This field will only be reported when degree sought = 99, otherwise it will always be blank.

To determine the matching degree record for a multiple major record, two entries must be linked. The "First Major Link" field of the multi-major record (99) will be linked using the combined degree sought and program taxonomy of the degree record. The related records would look like this:

	Degree Sought (DD30)	Program Taxonomy (DD31)	First Major Link (DD113)
Degree Record	40	070100	(blank)
Multiple Major Record	99	080100	40070100

(All other fields in the "99" record must be reported appropriately.)

RELATED TO: Degree Month, Degree Year, Degree Sought, Program Taxonomy
GLOSSARY:

SYSTEMS: DIS

SYSNAME: MAJORLK

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