

Title: Required hours in a baccalaureate degree	Policy No: 4.6
Category: Academic Standards and Accreditation	Effective: Fall 2004 Effective with revisions Fall 2004

Policy Statement: Baccalaureate degrees will have 124 hours required. Clear justification for exceeding 124 hours must be included in the new program proposal or program requirement change proposal.

Background: The state regent’s office has communicated their intent to limit the number of hours to obtain a baccalaureate degree. For some disciplines, degree requirements are influenced by state law, accreditation, certification standards, or licensing. Certain degree programs that were approved prior to this policy have been “grandfathered” and permitted to exceed 124 hours.

An example of clear justification for exceeding the 124 hour limit is a program/major in which students rarely need to take a required course at college level because an equivalent course is taken in high school by almost all students who elect this program/major.

Purpose: Clarify practices.

Implementation Date: Fall 2004

Related Procedures:

Coordinating Offices: Chair, Academic Affairs Council

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