

Attachment #1

Board of Governor Policy 1990-06-A: Academic Degrees, approved 7.22.10

General Education				
<i>Former language</i>	<i>Revision</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>Action</i>
40% (48 credits)	≥ 40 credits	None	Gen Ed “should be consistent with the Transfer Credit Framework. Transfer credits up to 30 semester hours will be applied to the general education requirement assuming the courses meet the standards of the Transfer Credit Framework and are designated as equivalent through identification of comparable competencies attained by students. Certain majors have specific requirements prescribed by external agencies that may pertain to general education requirements.”	None
Majors				
<i>Former language</i>	<i>Revision</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>Action</i>
At least 25% of the total program of study in an academic discipline or interdisciplinary program (25% X 120 = 30)	At least 30 semester credit hours and provide a depth of knowledge	None	The object is to assure that a significant portion of a student’s studies prepare the student to develop advanced competencies, requiring depth of knowledge of the discipline. During the program review, the program unit is expected to review its curriculum against this general standard. Programs that have articulation agreements with community colleges or other entities must demonstrate that articulated courses approved to meet this standard address the acquisition of advanced competencies with adequate depth and academic rigor; and if so, these courses can be applied towards this requirement.	Need to evaluate courses for competencies; theoretically can be 300/400.
At least 40% of total degree must consist of upper level coursework.	At least 42 credits of advanced	Review		

Bachelor of Arts			
<i>Former language</i>	<i>Revision</i>	<i>Action</i>	
Major program typically does not exceed one third of the total degree program	Does not exceed 40 credits, including cognate courses. Cognate courses are those courses in related disciplines required for the major. For example, a major in sociology might require a cognate course in social psychology taught through Psychology.	Programs must review major requirements to ensure under the 40 credit limit	
Bachelor of Science			
<i>Former language</i>	<i>Revision</i>	<i>Action</i>	
Major requirements and related courses may comprise up to half of the credits required.	At least 40 and no more than 60 credits, including cognates. Cognate courses are those courses in related disciplines required for the major. For example, a major in biology might require a cognate course in biochemistry taught through Chemistry.”	Programs must review major requirements to ensure between 40 and 60 credits	
Professional Baccalaureate Degree			
<i>Former language</i>	<i>Revision</i>	<i>Action</i>	
“Though they usually include general education components comparable to those in B.A. or B.S. programs, the general education component may be specifically adapted to the profession.	Added to end of sentence: “may be specifically adapted to the profession) but must be consistent with the competencies appropriate for all students at the institution.”	Neither specifies a credit minimum or maximum in the degree program. No action needed (?)	
Master’s degree			
<i>Former language</i>	<i>Revised</i>	<i>Action</i>	
Require at least one year of full time study,	A minimum of 30 semester credit hours	None	

or its part-time equivalent		
<i>New</i>		
Required “culminating experience.” For some, this may be met through a thesis, research project, or comprehensive examination, for others, students will be expected to include integrative experiences, such as practica, internships, and other field work that synthesize theory and practice.		
At least 50% of coursework (excluding thesis, research or internship hours) to complete a master’s degree must be identified as primarily directed at graduate students with the majority of students in the course obtaining graduate credits.		

Implementation:

- **All new degree programs submitted for approval after 8/10/2010 must comply**
- **All previously approved programs must be in such compliance by conclusion of the next program review cycle after July 2012, with all programs in compliance by 8/1/15.**