


Senate Recommendation May 11, 2023 meeting 2023_03_07 a

FACULTY SENATE RECOMMENDATION TO THE PROVOST

The Faculty Senate

Recommends approval of the Proposal to Amend Catalog Policy listing Substantive Change amending the Academic Policy for Subsequent Degrees: as per the motion of the Faculty Senate

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**Proposal to Revise an Academic Policy
(Action Item)**

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Identification of proposed policy revision:

1. Catalog statement of existing policy:

Subsequent Associate Degree

- Students must have earned an acceptable associate or higher degree from a fully accredited college or university.
- The approved program must include a minimum of 15 semester hours in a new major earned after completion of the student's first degree.
- A minimum of 12 semester hours must be earned through instruction at WKU.
- A 2.00 grade average must be earned for all coursework presented in completion of the program; in all coursework completed at WKU; and in all coursework in the major.

Subsequent Baccalaureate Degree

- Students must have earned an acceptable baccalaureate degree from a fully accredited college or university.
- The approved program must include a minimum of 30 semester hours earned after completion of the student's first degree. A minor may be declared as part of the subsequent degree but is not required.
- A minimum of 24 semester hours must be earned through instruction at WKU.
- Fifteen semester hours must be earned in completion of a new major.
- One-half of the new semester hours presented in completion of each major and minor must be earned at the upper division level (courses numbered 300 or above).
- A minimum 2.00 grade average must be earned for all coursework presented in completion of the program; in all coursework completed at WKU; and in all coursework in each major and minor.
- Students are not permitted to pursue the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) as a subsequent baccalaureate degree.

2. Catalog statement of proposed policy:

Subsequent Associate Degree

- Students must have earned an acceptable associate or higher degree from a fully accredited college or university.
- The approved program must include a minimum of 15 semester hours in a new major earned after completion of the student's first degree.

- ~~A minimum of 12~~ At least 25% of the minimum number of semester hours required for the degree must be earned through instruction at WKU. (For example, a minimum of 15 semester hours must be earned through instruction at WKU for an associate degree that requires 60 hours.)
- A 2.00 grade average must be earned for all coursework presented in completion of the program; in all coursework completed at WKU; and in all coursework in the major.

Subsequent Baccalaureate Degree

- Students must have earned an acceptable baccalaureate degree from a fully accredited college or university.
 - The approved program must include a minimum of 30 semester hours earned after completion of the student’s first degree. A minor may be declared as part of the subsequent degree, but is not required.
 - ~~A minimum of 24~~ At least 25% of the minimum number of semester hours required for the degree must be earned through instruction at WKU. (For example, a minimum of 30 or more semester hours must be earned through instruction at WKU for a bachelor's degree that requires 120 hours.)
 - Fifteen semester hours must be earned in completion of a new major.
 - One-half of the new semester hours presented in completion of each major and minor must be earned at the upper division level (courses numbered 300 or above).
 - A minimum 2.00 grade average must be earned for all coursework presented in completion of the program; in all coursework completed at WKU; and in all coursework in each major and minor.
 - Students are not permitted to pursue the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) as a subsequent baccalaureate degree.
- 3. Rationale for proposed policy revision:** As required by SACSCOC, a minimum of 25% of a degree must be earned through instruction at the institution awarding the degree.
 - 4. Impact of proposed policy revision on existing academic or non-academic policies:**
 - 4.1 Impact on policies: There will be little or no impact on other WKU policies.
 - 4.2 Impact on populations that may be affected: This will affect students who may not have earned the first degree at WKU.
 - 5. Proposed term for implementation: Fall 23**
 - 6. Dates of prior committee approvals:**

Department/ Unit	<u>Registrar</u>	<u>3/24/23</u>
College Curriculum Committee (if applicable)		_____
UCC Academic Policy Subcommittee (if applicable)		<u>3/27/23</u>
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee		<u>3/18/2023</u>
University Senate		_____