

## **(1) PROPOSED NEW TEXT**

### 3.20.1 Requirements for Graduation

In addition to the academic and credits requirements for graduation in the several colleges and curricula, all students also meet the following requirements:

- 1) Completion of the residence requirements which stipulate that the candidate for a baccalaureate degree must have earned in residence at the university either a minimum of ninety credits, or at least sixty of the last seventy-five credits.
- 2) Achievement of a minimum cumulative scholastic average of 2.00.
- 3) Completion of all work to be credited toward a baccalaureate degree within an eight-year period. If the work is not completed within this period, the program will be reviewed by the committee on standing of students.
- 4) Payment of all indebtedness to the university of whatsoever kind, except any long-term notes.
- 5) Satisfaction of all requirements, scholastic, disciplinary, and financial, not later than 8:30 A.M. on the Friday preceding the degree conferral date.
- 6) Filing with the Registrar an application for graduation by the deadline established by the Registrar.
- 7) With permission of the Registrar, any undergraduate student who is not receiving a degree may participate in the commencement exercises within one year of the completion of all degree requirements. Students who are permitted to walk in the ceremony will not receive a diploma and will not be listed in the commencement program until the degree is officially conferred.
- 8) Graduate students may participate in commencement exercises before the completion of all degree requirements with the approval of the Standing of Graduate Students committee. Students will not receive a diploma until all requirements are completed.

### 3.20.4 Conferring of Degrees

Degrees are conferred on the day before the first day of classes of the subsequent semester and on such other occasions as may be authorized and designated by the board of trustees and University President.

## **(2) PROPOSED NEW TEXT WITH MARKUP**

### 3.20.1 Requirements for Graduation

In addition to the academic and ~~semester hours~~ **credits** requirements for graduation in the several colleges and curricula, all students also meet the following requirements:

- 1) Completion of the residence requirements which stipulate that the candidate for a baccalaureate degree must have earned in residence at the university either a minimum of ninety ~~semester hours~~ **credits**, or at least sixty of the last seventy-five ~~semester hours~~ **credits**.
- 2) Achievement of a minimum cumulative scholastic average of ~~2.00. 1-70. NOTE: Beginning with~~ **2.00**. ~~the class of 1992, the requirement will be a minimum cumulative scholastic average of 2.00.~~
- 3) Completion of all work to be credited toward a baccalaureate degree within an eight-year period. If the work is not completed within this period the program will be reviewed by the

committee on standing of students.

4) Payment of all indebtedness to the university of whatsoever kind, except any long-term notes.

5) Satisfaction of all requirements, scholastic, disciplinary, and financial, not later than 8:30 A.M. on the ~~Friday~~ ~~Wednesday~~ preceding the ~~degree conferral date~~ ~~graduation exercises~~.

6) Filing with the Registrar ~~an application for graduation~~ of a written notice of candidacy for a ~~degree~~ by ~~the deadline established by the Registrar. not later than March 1~~ ~~for those graduating on university day, not later than September 1 for those graduating on founder's day, and not later than December 1 for those graduating in January.~~

7) ~~With permission of the Registrar, A~~ any undergraduate student who is not receiving a degree may participate in the commencement exercises ~~within one year of the completion of all degree requirements.~~ ¶

~~only with the permission of the committee on the standing of students. Students who are permitted to walk in the ceremony will not~~ ~~Permission to~~ ¶

~~participate (without receiving a diploma and will not be listed or being listed in the commencement program until the degree is officially conferred. ) for students not receiving a degree may be granted in either of the following circumstances:~~ ¶

~~a. The student has completed the requirements for a degree with one major, but wishes to delay the granting of that degree until a second major has been completed.~~ ¶

~~b. The student has properly registered for all courses necessary to complete his/her degree as of the twelfth week of classes, and successfully completes all but one of the required~~ ~~C~~ ~~courses.~~ ¶

8) Graduate students may participate in commencement exercises before the completion of all degree requirements with the approval of the Standing of Graduate Students committee. Students will not receive a diploma until all requirements are completed.

### 3.20.4 Conferring of Degrees

Degrees are conferred on ~~the day before the first day of classes of the subsequent semester~~ ~~university day~~ and on such other occasions as may be authorized and designated by the board of trustees ~~and University President~~.

## 3) ORIGINAL TEXT

### 3.20.1 Requirements for Graduation

In addition to the academic and semester hours requirements for graduation in the several colleges and curricula, all students also meet the following requirements:

1) Completion of the residence requirements which stipulate that the candidate for a baccalaureate degree must have earned in residence at the university either a minimum of ninety semester hours, or at least sixty of the last seventy-five semester hours.

2) Achievement of a minimum cumulative scholastic average of 1.70. NOTE: Beginning with the class of 1992, the requirement will be a minimum cumulative scholastic average of 2.00.

3) Completion of all work to be credited toward a baccalaureate degree within an eight-year period. If the work is not completed within this period the program will be reviewed by the committee on standing of students.

4) Payment of all indebtedness to the university of whatsoever kind, except any long-term notes.

- 5) Satisfaction of all requirements, scholastic, disciplinary, and financial, not later than 8:30 A.M. on the Wednesday preceding the graduation exercises.
- 6) Filing with the registrar of a written notice of candidacy for a degree by not later than March 1 for those graduating on university day, not later than September 1 for those graduating on founder's day, and not later than December 1 for those graduating in January.
- 7) Any student who is not receiving a degree may participate in the commencement exercises only with the permission of the committee on the standing of students. Permission to participate (without receiving a diploma or being listed in the program) for students not receiving a degree may be granted in either of the following circumstances:
  - a. The student has completed the requirements for a degree with one major, but wishes to delay the granting of that degree until a second major has been completed.
  - b. The student has properly registered for all courses necessary to complete his/her degree as of the twelfth week of classes, and successfully completes all but one of the required courses.

#### 3.20.4 Conferring of Degrees

Degrees are conferred on university day and on such other occasions as may be authorized and designated by the board of trustees.

#### **(4) EXPLANATION FOR NEEDED CHANGE**

Several changes are proposed in this section that are designed to make the policy language align with current practices. It looks like much of this section has not been updated since 1992. Changes add clarity.

#### **(5) EXPLANATION FOR WHY CHANGE ADDRESSES ISSUE**

The proposed changes include: 1) Changing “semester hours” to “credits”, 2) Updated terms and forms that are now in use by the University; 3) Clarification that degrees are conferred by the board of trustees and the University President; and 4) that students may participate in commencement before the completion of all degree requirements with the approval of SOGS.

#### **(6) PROPOSAL HISTORY**

GRC, added section #8 and voted, October 21st, 2025

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Educational Policy Committee discussion of revision and vote: October, 2nd, 2025

Registrar Office: October, 2nd, 2025

#### **(7) PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE**

AY 26-27

#### **(8) IMPACTS ON OTHER PARTS OF R&P**

There should be no impacts on R&P numbering.