

Faculty Agenda Item NO 17-7

Date: March 27, 2017
Proposed By: Nancy Tate, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Subject: Modifications - Graduate University Catalog

RATIONALE:

In preparation for the upcoming Higher Learning Commission reaccreditation site visit in spring 2019, Washburn is required to submit a Federal Compliance Report at least six months prior to the reaccreditation site visit. This compliance report requires verification that HLC Assumed Practices are being followed regarding, among other things, the university requirements for awarding various types of degrees. We list in the Undergraduate Catalog the university degree requirements for baccalaureate and associate degrees, but do not in the Graduate Catalog. In order to provide consistency of requirements, ease of use for students, and assistance with verification on the Federal Compliance Report, adding a section entitled "Programs, Degrees, and Graduation Requirements" immediately prior to the listings of the individual graduate programs will fulfill this requirement.

DESCRIPTION:

Proposed Catalog Language

The following section would be added to the Graduate Catalog

UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS COMMON TO ALL GRADUATE DEGREES

In all cases, individual programs may be more stringent than the specified minimum/maximum. See specific degree/program.

1. A minimum of 30 semester hours of credit – Master level; 60 semester hours of credit – Doctoral level. Courses counting towards this minimum must be numbered 400 or higher. Degrees may be offered with less than the minimum requirement of hours so long as any variation is explained and justified when the program is approved through the shared governance process.
2. A cumulative grade average of at least B (3.0 grade point). Ability to accept courses with an earned grade of C or CR (credit/no credit) is program specific. Courses with a posted grade of Pass will not count towards a graduate degree.
3. At least two thirds of the semester hours required for the degree must be earned at Washburn University.
4. All course work must be completed within eight (8) calendar years unless otherwise specified by the individual program.

Financial Implications: No financial implications will occur with this process change.

Proposed Effective Date: Immediately, to afford the opportunity to have this process in the 2017-2018 University Graduate catalog.

Request for Action: *Approval by FS, Gen Fac*

Approved by:

Graduate Council on March 27, 2017

Faculty Senate on April 17, 2017

General Faculty on date

Attachments Yes No