

Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions, Annual report 2022 – 2023

2022 – 2023 Committee Members:

Elected

Robert Kopack, College Of Arts And Sciences, Geography (2024)

Amie Freeman, Chair, University Libraries, Library Digital Resources (2023)

William Knapp, College Of Hospitality, Retail And Sport Management, College Of Hrsm - Hrsm (2025)

Reenea Harrison, College Of Hospitality, Retail And Sport Management, College Of Hrsm - Retl (2023)

Allison Sweeney, College Of Nursing, College Of Nursing (2025)

Vacant, Undergraduate Representative

Appointed

Richard Verzyl, ex officio, Enrollment Management, Enrollment Management

Aaron Marterer, ex officio, Enrollment Management, Office Of The Registrar

Jack Deoliveira, Graduate Representative, College Of Arts And Sciences, Political Science (2023)

Business of 2022-2023 included:

- I. The committee reviewed proposed changes to the Exam Credit Admissions Policy before its advancement to the Committee on Admissions.
- II. The committee reviewed a proposed policy change to the Undergraduate Studies Bulletin Academic Regulations regarding Undergraduate Certificate Graduation Requirements. These changes were presented to Faculty Senate on December 7, 2022, and were approved by the Faculty Senate.

Proposed Policy Change Regarding Undergraduate Certificate Graduation Requirements

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| Undergraduate Studies Bulletin Academic Regulations https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/policies-regulations/undergraduate-academic-regulations/#text | |
| Degree Conferral and Graduation Policies In-Residence Requirement The last 25% of a student’s degree must be completed in residence at the University, and at least half of the hours in the student’s major courses and in the student’s minor courses (if applicable) must be taken at the University. | Degree/Certificate Conferral and Graduation Policies Degrees In-Residence Requirement for Degrees The last 25% of a student’s degree must be completed in residence at the University, and at least half of the hours in the student’s major courses and in the student’s minor courses (if applicable) must be taken at the University. |

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| 120 Hours | 30 Hours |
| 121-124 Hours | 31 Hours |
| 125-128 Hours | 32 Hours |
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| 137-140 Hours | 35 Hours |
| 141-144 Hours | 36 Hours |

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| An undergraduate student, whose primary program of study is B.S.C.S. in Computer Science from the College of Engineering and Computing, may earn an additional major in Mathematics from the College of Arts and Sciences. | An undergraduate student, whose primary program of study is B.S.C.S. in Computer Science from the College of Engineering and Computing, may earn an additional major in Mathematics from the College of Arts and Sciences. |
| Additional Degrees Students may also pursue more than one degree either simultaneously within the same term or in subsequent terms. The requirements for both degrees must be satisfied by no less than 144 total credit hours. The additional requirements for the additional degree must include a minimum of 24 semester hours beyond those required for the student's primary or first awarded degree. Students receive a diploma for each degree awarded. | Additional Degrees Students may also pursue more than one degree either simultaneously within the same term or in subsequent terms. The requirements for both degrees must be satisfied by no less than 144 total credit hours. The additional requirements for the additional degree must include a minimum of 24 semester hours beyond those required for the student's primary or first awarded degree. Students receive a diploma for each degree awarded. |
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| <p>College Requirements, Program Requirements, Major Requirements). This rule does not apply to optional components (e.g., a minor or additional major that is in addition to the degree requirements).</p> <p>The university ensures that no additional major or degree has excessive overlap of degree requirements. (See SACSCOC Standard 9.2)</p> <p>Invalid Combinations</p> <p>Two Degrees with the Identical Majors</p> <p>A student cannot earn two degrees with an identical major.</p> <p>ex. B.S., Psychology, B.A., Psychology in the same graduation term.</p> <p>Identical Major/Minor</p> <p>A student cannot earn a major and minor in the same discipline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ex. B.A., Film and Media Studies | <p>Within a single program of study, courses may not be applied toward more than one required academic program component (Carolina Core, College Requirements, Program Requirements, Major Requirements). This rule does not apply to optional components (e.g., a minor or additional major that is in addition to the degree requirements).</p> <p>The university ensures that no additional major or degree has excessive overlap of degree requirements. (See SACSCOC Standard 9.2)</p> <p>Invalid Combinations</p> <p>Two Degrees with the Identical Majors</p> <p>A student cannot earn two degrees with an identical major.</p> <p>ex. B.S., Psychology, B.A., Psychology in the same graduation term.</p> <p>Identical Major/Minor</p> <p>A student cannot earn a major and minor in the same discipline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ex. B.A., Film and Media Studies <p>Undergraduate Certificates</p> <p>Undergraduate Certificates are designed for students who wish to gain additional knowledge in a specific area to complement their major program of study. Undergraduate certificates require a minimum of 12 hours and must be earned in concurrence with an undergraduate degree.</p> <p>Electing to Pursue an Undergraduate Certificate</p> <p>Students who are interested in pursuing an Undergraduate Certificate are encouraged to consult with their academic advisor. To formally pursue a certificate program, students must complete an Undergraduate Certificate Interest Form, have minimum institutional GPA of 2.0 and meet any other specific qualifications if applicable. The form can be found on the Provost's Website.</p> <p>Graduation Requirements for Certificates</p> <p>At least 50% of a student's undergraduate certificate coursework must be completed at the</p> |
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| | <p>University of South Carolina-Columbia campus and all coursework that applies to the certificate must be earned with a grade of C or better.</p> <p>Graduation Application Process All candidates for undergraduate certificates must file formal graduation applications online, in Self Service Carolina. A student may only be awarded a certificate in the same semester the student is awarded an undergraduate degree from the University of South Carolina-Columbia. Applications must be filed by the posted deadline found on the website of the Office of the University Registrar.</p> <p>Course Sharing All courses which apply to an undergraduate certificate program may apply to a student's degree requirements or requirements of an additional undergraduate certificate.</p> |
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- III. Annual reports were received from six colleges and schools.
- IV. Two student appeals were reviewed by the committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Amie Freeman, 2022 – 2023 Chair