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The University Scholars Program allows a student to apply up to 12 credit hours used for one undergraduate degree towards one graduate degree. The requirements for the undergraduate degree will be unaffected. (See SR 4.2.2.2.6 and SR 5.2.2) [US: 9/13/82; SREC: 2/13/2013]

The total number of credit hours for the combined program University Scholars Program may be up to 12 fewer than the total required for both the undergraduate bachelor's and master's degrees. The total number of credit hours completed for the University Scholars Program between an undergraduate degree and doctoral degree may be up to 12 hours less than the total required for both the undergraduate and the prequalifying residency requirement of the doctoral degree. [US: 12/8/2008]

or bachelor's and graduate doctoral degrees. The requirements for the bachelor's degree will be unaffected. (See SR 4.2.2.2.6 and SR 5.2.2) [US: 9/13/82; SREC: 2/13/2013]

\* See Appendix SR **Error! Reference source not found.**4.2 for the SREC interpretation of the Senate Rules on counting courses toward multiple degrees.

See 4.2.2.2.6 for additional admissions requirements for University Scholars Programs.

**Degree Requirements**

The total number of credit hours completed for the combined bachelor's/master's program may be twelve (12) fewer than the total required for both the bachelor's and master's degrees. Requirements for the bachelor's degree will be unaffected. [US: 4/14/97]

The total number of credit hours completed for the combined bachelor's/doctoral program may be up to 12 hours less than the total required for both the bachelor's and the prequalifying residency requirement of the doctoral degree. (The requirements for the bachelor's degree are unchanged.) [US: 12/8/2008]

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**3.1.3.3.1.3 University Scholars Programs**

Graduate program faculty have the authority to accept students into their graduate programs from undergraduate programs within the same or related field through the University Scholars Program. Upon submission of a request by the graduate program faculty, and approval by Graduate Council, the Graduate School shall implement University Scholars Program admissions into the graduate program, in accordance with the requirements outlined in SR 3.1.1.7, SR 4.2.2.2.6 and SR 5.2.2. The Graduate School shall maintain a list of programs accepting students through University Scholars Programs and update it annually.

**3.1.3.3.1.3 3.1.3.3.1.4 UK Core Program****3.1.3.3.1 Approval by the educational unit faculty**

[US: 5/7/2012]

The Faculty of the originating educational unit makes the decision whether to approve proposals for new academic programs or changes to academic programs (including changes ~~to the educational unit's University Scholars program and~~ to dual degree programs) (GR VII.E.1-5). For UK Core, the "Faculty" within the meaning of this rule is the body identified by the University Senate to perform the educational policy-making functions of the respective program. For graduate programs, "the Faculty" is the voting graduate faculty of that program (SR ~~Error! Reference source not found.3.1.3.3.1.2~~). [US: 5/7/2012; 5/6/2019]

In a manner prescribed by the College Faculty Rules, the chair/director shall forward to the College Faculty a proposal arising under SR **3.1.3**. The chair/director's transmittal attests thereby that the proposal has been approved in accordance with the Rules of the Faculty of the originating unit. The chair(s)/director(s) may include separate opinion(s) on the academic merits or on the administrative feasibility of the proposal.

- \* If a program was originally approved for face to face delivery, and the dean later wants it to be delivered in part as 'face to face' and in part as distance learning, then the College Faculty has the role, and not the dean, to determine and approve as to whether the academic content of the program lends itself to delivery in part by distance learning. [SREC: 3/9/2012]
- \* This rule does not have the intent or effect of prohibiting any college from seeking and utilizing the opinion of any willing academic council of the Senate before the proposal is submitted to the first officially required academic council of review. [SREC: 8/21/2014]

Dual degree programs are simultaneously considered for approval by the respective unit faculties pursuant to the above procedures. One of the department chair(s)/director(s) shall forward the approved proposal to the College Faculty, or, in the case of dual degree programs that cross colleges, to each College Faculty.

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**3.2.3.3.2.1 Initial action**

The Faculty of the originating educational unit decides whether to approve proposals for new courses or changes to courses (including ~~changes to courses in the educational unit's University Scholars program and in~~ dual degree programs) (GR VII.E.1-5). For the Honors Program and UK Core, the "Faculty" within the meaning of this rule is the body identified by the University Senate to perform the educational policy-making functions of the respective program. [SREC: 8/18/06; US: 5/7/2012]

The department chair/director shall forward the proposal to the College Faculty, in a manner prescribed by the College Faculty Rules. The chair/director's transmittal attests thereby that the proposal has been approved in accordance with the Rules of the Faculty of the originating unit. The department chair/director may include a separate opinion on the academic merits or on the administrative feasibility of the proposal.

- \* For the purposes of this rule and graduate courses, "The Faculty of the originating educational unit" means the members of the graduate faculty of the program. [SREC: 10/25/2012]
- \* This rule does not have the intent or effect of prohibiting any college from seeking and utilizing the opinion of any willing academic council of the Senate before the proposal is submitted to the first officially required academic council of review [SREC: 12/17/2013].

Courses for dual degree programs are simultaneously considered for approval by the respective unit faculties pursuant to the above procedures. One of the chairs/directors shall forward the approved proposal to the College Faculty, or, in the case of dual degree programs that cross colleges, to each College Faculty.

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**4.2.2.2.6 ~~Combined bachelor's/master's or graduate doctoral degree program~~ (University Scholars Program)**

[US: 12/8/2008]

**Admissions**

Applications to the University Scholars Program will follow current procedures and rules for admission to the Graduate School with the following additions: [US: 4/14/97]

1. The graduate program faculty concur the field of the undergraduate major is in the same or related field as the master's or doctoral program.

1.2. The program is open to undergraduates with senior standing who have completed at least 90 hours of course work and should have satisfied all UK Core requirements. Application to the program should be at the end of the student's junior year.

- ~~2. The master's or doctoral program should be in the field of the undergraduate major.~~
- 3. The undergraduate grade point average (UGPA) should be greater than or equal to 3.5 in the student's major and 3.2 overall.
- 4. Application to the program will follow the current procedures for application to the Graduate School, subject to the above conditions. Admission decisions will be made by the Graduate Dean or their appointee. (See SR Error! Reference source not found.5.5.1.5) [US: 9/13/82; US: 4/14/97]

~~**Degree Requirements**~~

~~The total number of credit hours completed for the combined bachelor's/master's program may be twelve (12) fewer than the total required for both the bachelor's and master's degrees. Requirements for the bachelor's degree will be unaffected. [US: 4/14/97]~~

~~The total number of credit hours completed for the combined bachelor's/doctoral program may be up to 12 hours less than the total required for both the bachelor's and the prequalifying residency requirement of the doctoral degree. (The requirements for the bachelor's degree are unchanged.) [US: 12/8/2008]~~

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**5.2.2 STUDENT LOAD**

With the exceptions noted below, the maximum load to be carried during any semester by an undergraduate student (including courses taken on an audit basis) shall be 19 credit hours. [US: 10/11/93]

The maximum allowable load to be carried during any summer term/session for undergraduate students (including residence, correspondence or audit courses) shall be nine (9) credit hours in the eight-week summer session and four (4) credits in the four-week term, but under no circumstances no more than 13 credits during the summer term and summer session.

Students may be enrolled in a maximum of nine credit hours of classes meeting concurrently during an eight-week summer session. For this purpose, a course meeting for a four-week period during the eight-week session must be counted double. Thus, a student may enroll in two consecutive four-week (three credit hour) classes plus one eight-week class, or as many as three eight week (three credit hour) classes. A student would not, however, be able to enroll in two four-week (three credit hour) classes meeting concurrently. A student may be enrolled in a maximum of seven credit hours for a six-week summer term. [US: 10/11/93; US: 4/10/2000]

A student may be permitted by the dean of their college to carry such extra credit hours as in the dean's judgment, based upon the student's past performance, the student can complete successfully. [US: 11/8/82]

A student on academic probation shall take no more than fifteen (15) credit hours in a semester, three (3) credit hours in a four-week term, or seven (7) credit hours in a six or eight-week session. This rule may be waived by special permission from the student's academic dean or the dean's designee. The waiver and the rationale for the waiver must be documented in the student's record maintained by the college. [US: 12/11/2000]

Students in the University Scholars Program (the combined Bachelor's/Master's or Bachelor's/Graduate Doctoral degree program (University Scholars Program)) shall not take more than 16 credit hours per semester. Permission to exceed that number is subject to approval by the Director of Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate School. (See SR 5.5.1.4 and SR 4.2.2.2.6) [US: 9/13/82]

The professional colleges and the Graduate School may set lower maximum loads which are consistent with their degree requirements.

The maximum allowable load to be carried during any summer session for graduate students shall be nine (9) credit hours in the eight-week summer session and four (4) credit hours in the four-week term. The maximum load for graduate students in any combination of the four- and eight-week sessions/terms shall be twelve (12) credit hours.

A student may be registered simultaneously at the University of Kentucky and at another institution only with the approval of the dean of the college in which the student is registered at the University of Kentucky, the credit hours obtained at the other institution being considered a part of the student's maximum load. If the simultaneous registration has not been authorized, the transfer of credit from the other institution may be denied. [US: 10/11/93]

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**5.5.1.6 University Scholars Program**

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~~\* See Appendix SR 10.2 for the SREC interpretation of the Senate Rules on counting courses toward multiple degrees.~~

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[new glossary term]  
9.#. UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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