

University Senate
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Proposed Changes to *Senate Rules 5.4.1* ("Residence Requirements")

Background: the Senate Council asked the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) to review the language in *Senate Rules 5.4.1* to ensure compliance with policies promulgated by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). Below in track changes are the suggested changes from the SAASC.

Recommendation (positive) from the SC: that the Senate approve the changes to SR 5.4.1 as recommended by the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee.

5.4.0 DEGREES, HONORS, GRADUATION

Commencement convocations shall be held in December and in May of each academic year.
[US: 2/14/11]

5.4.1 RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

For an undergraduate degree,

- (1) a least 25% of the credits,
- (2) not less than 30 credit hours, [US: 9/10/12]and
- (3) a minimum of thirty (30) of the last thirty-six (36) credits

presented for the degree must be taken from the University.

A "course taken from UK" means a course with a UK number instructed by a UK instructor. It does not include courses taken elsewhere with credit transfer to UK, courses taken abroad (except for courses taught by UK faculty), credits achieved by examination, or courses taken through the National Student Exchange. It does include courses delivered by correspondence or distance learning.

Any request for waiver by veterans of any of the above requirements, or a request by other students for a waiver of requirement (2) or (3), must be presented for approval to the dean of the student's college. Students who wish to satisfy the above requirement with credit earned through such methods as independent study by correspondence, special examination, CLEP, and other methods which limit the opportunity for active exchange between students and instructors must have the prior approval of their department chair and college dean. At the end of each academic year the dean of each college shall report to the Senate Council, through the University Registrar, the number of waivers granted in the categories of (1), (2) and (3) above, and for each waiver granted the extent of departure that was approved from the given credit hour requirement in (1), (2) or (3) [US: 9/10/12].

~~*—Courses taken under the Study Abroad and National Exchange Student programs (and for which students pay their tuition to the University of Kentucky) are considered~~

~~as courses taken at UK for purposes of both Rule 5.4.1's residency requirement and for graduates to be conferred commencement honors at the time of award of their degrees under sections A-D of Rule 5.4.2.2. [SREC: 2/14/01 and 5/31/05]~~

5.4.1.1 Undergraduate Application for Degrees [US: 3/17/08]

To be eligible for an undergraduate degree, a student must file an application with the dean of the college from which the undergraduate degree is to be awarded for degrees to be awarded beginning with May 2009: by November 30 for degrees to be awarded the following May; by February 28 for degrees to be awarded the following August; and by June 30 for degrees to be awarded the following December.