

Proposal for Consideration by SAASC

Request for SAASC to Propose Changes to Graduate School Bulletin (pg. 29 of 2018-19 version) to Match Newly Revised *Senate Rules 4.2.5.2* ("Postbaccalaureate Student") ([PDF](#)) and ([PDF, pg. 6](#))

The SAASC should recommend the following changes to the Graduate Bulletin

1) Post-Baccalaureate Graduate Student (P. 22)

Students who hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher learning and who wish to pursue graduate study without a degree objective may apply for admission as post-baccalaureate graduate students. Note that post-baccalaureate status is not a form of probationary admission to a degree-granting graduate program. Post-baccalaureate students may take graduate courses for graduate credit. Permission to enter any graduate class as a post-baccalaureate student will be granted only if the student meets the prerequisites for that course and if space is available.

An application for admission to the Graduate School as a post-baccalaureate graduate student should be filed in the Admissions Office at least two weeks in advance of the registration date for the term in which the student plans to enroll. An overall undergraduate grade point average of 2.50 or better and 3.00 on all previous graduate work (both on a 4.00 point scale) are required by the Graduate School for admission. GRE scores are not required.

A post-baccalaureate student who later wishes to apply to enter a degree-granting graduate program must have a 3.00 or better grade point average on all course work, graduate or undergraduate, attempted as a post-baccalaureate. A standard application form, must be presented to the Graduate School requesting admission to a specific program. ~~A maximum of 9 semester hours or 25 percent of the credits required for the degree concerned, whichever is greater, may later be transferred from post-baccalaureate status to a master's, specialist or doctoral degree program at the University of Kentucky. There is no limit to the number of credit hours of graduate coursework taken at the University of Kentucky that can be applied to a master's degree program or can be used to fulfill the pre-qualifying coursework requirements of a doctoral program.~~

All such ~~transfers application~~ of credit hours ~~earned at the University of Kentucky prior to acceptance~~ into a graduate ~~degree or certificate~~ program must be approved by that program's Director of Graduate Studies and by the Dean of the Graduate School. A grade of A or B must have been earned in the course or courses to be applied. (see Transfer of Credits).

Commented [WA1]: Recommend removing the word "fully." Within institutional accreditation, there is no such thing as partial accreditation, so it is meaningless. There are other places in the Rules that refer specifically to regional accreditation (as opposed to national)

2) Transfer of Credits (P. 33)

Upon request of the DGS, a total of 9 hours (or 25% of regular course degree requirements) may be transferred into a master's degree program. A total of 9 hours (or 25% of the credit hours needed to fulfill the pre-qualifying residency requirement) may also be transferred into a doctoral degree program. The transferable hours include ~~all post-baccalaureate work~~, graduate work taken at another regionally-accredited university, with the following exceptions:

- ~~or as a student in another graduate program at the University of Kentucky.~~ The doctoral transfer policy would NOT apply in cases where a prior master's degree is being used to satisfy 18 hours of the pre-qualifying residency requirement.
- Course credits applied toward a previously awarded graduate degree cannot be transferred.
- Transfer of independent work, research, thesis, or dissertation credit is not permitted.
- Short courses lasting fewer weeks than the number of credits may not be transferred.
- A student must have been in graduate status at the time the courses were taken.
- A student must be in good academic standing at the time of transfer.
- Only courses assigned a B grade or better can be transferred.
- Courses must have been taken no more than 10 years (masters) or 8 years (doctoral) prior to the semester the transfer is requested.
- Transfer of external credit cannot be applied to a graduate certificate unless it is specified and justified in the initial request to establish the certificate (or at the time of renewal)

There is no limit to the number of credit hours of graduate coursework taken at the University of Kentucky that can be applied to a master's degree program or can be used to fulfill the pre-qualifying coursework requirements of a doctoral program. All such ~~transfers-application~~ of credit hours earned at the University of Kentucky prior to acceptance into a graduate degree or certificate program must be approved by that program's Director of Graduate Studies and by the Dean of the Graduate School. A grade of A or B must have been earned in the course or courses to be applied.