Proposed Undergraduate Residency Requirement Revisions
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It is the consensus of the University Courses and Curricula Committee to recommend the following language for inclusion in the 2014-15 Catalog. These requirement revisions were made based on input from faculty and the Advisors’ Council Steering Committee, as well as a review of 14 peer institutions.

Residency Requirements

The residency requirement is focused on the percentage of program completed, the timing of course completion, and the length of study at UNO. Students must satisfy three conditions to complete the UNO residency requirement.

1. A minimum of 25 percent of the credit hours required for the degree must be completed through instruction as a declared major in the degree-granting College at UNO.

2. The last 25 percent of all coursework must be taken in residence while enrolled as a declared major in the degree-granting College at UNO.

3. A transfer student or a student who enters with advanced standing from another university and becomes a candidate for a bachelor’s degree at UNO must fulfill a minimum residence requirement of two semesters (or four summer sessions) at UNO.

The term "in residence" is defined as in residence at the university which ultimately grants the degree. Residence credit does not include courses taken by extension, correspondence or exam, but may include approved online course work.

Substitutions and Waivers

A substitution is defined as a course that is outside of the prescribed curricula that is used to substitute for a course that is within the prescribed curricula.

A waiver is defined as an exception to a required degree component. A waiver of the university resident credit requirement is rarely granted, unless there are extenuating circumstances involving UNO responsibility (e.g., requiring completion of a specific course in a student’s major field and that course is not available at the UNO campus).

Students are encouraged to discuss any deviation of prescribed coursework with their advisor.

The following requirements apply to coursework used to satisfy degree requirements. Colleges may adopt more stringent requirements.

1. A minimum of 15 credit hours that satisfy the academic major requirements must be taken at UNO.

2. A minimum of 12 credit hours of 3000+ coursework that satisfies academic major requirements must be taken at UNO.

3. A maximum of 15 credit hours of substitution coursework may be used to satisfy degree requirements.
4. A maximum of 6 credit hours of 3000+ coursework in the academic major requirements may be satisfied using substitution 3000+ coursework from UNO.

5. Waivers of degree requirements must be approved by both the College and the Office of Academic Affairs.