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**Academic Policy Subcommittee of UCC**

**Proposal to Revise an Academic Policy**

**(Action Item)**

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Identification of proposed policy revision:

1. **Catalog statement of existing policy:** pages 35-36 of 2013-14 Undergraduate Catalog

**Concurrent and Subsequent Degrees**—Students may pursue two or more degrees either concurrently or subsequently, as specified below.

**A. Concurrent (Dual) Associate Degrees**

 A minimum of 75 semester hours must be earned to complete the requirements of two associate degrees concurrently.

 Courses taken toward fulfilling one associate degree may also count toward fulfilling requirements in the other, provided that a minimum of 15 semester hours of coursework in the additional major – not including general education – applies exclusively to the additional concurrently earned associate degree.

 A minimum of 15 semester hours in each degree must be earned at WKU.

 A minimum 2.0 grade point average must be earned for all coursework presented in completion of both degrees; in all coursework completed at WKU; and in all coursework in the major.

 Students may pursue concurrent degrees that lead to the same degree type (e.g., two Associate of

Science degrees)

 Students must file a separate Application for Graduation and pay the graduation fee for each degree. Two diplomas will be awarded upon simultaneous completion of the two degrees.

**B. Subsequent Associate Degree**

 Students must have earned an acceptable associate or higher degree from a fully accredited college or university.

 The approved program must include a minimum of 15 semester hours in a new major earned after completion of the student’s first degree.

 Twelve semester hours contained in the approved program must be earned at WKU.

 A 2.00 grade average must be earned for all coursework presented in completion of the program; in all coursework completed at WKU; and in all coursework in the major.

**C. Concurrent (Dual) Baccalaureate Degrees**

 A minimum of 150 semester hours must be earned to complete the requirements of two baccalaureate degrees concurrently.

 A minimum of 57 upper division hours must be earned (courses numbered 300 or above).

 A minimum of 30 hours in each degree must be earned at WKU.

 A minimum 2.0 grade point average must be earned in all coursework presented in completion of the degrees; in all coursework completed at WKU; and in all coursework in each major and minor.

 Students may pursue concurrent degrees that lead to the same degree type (e.g., two Bachelor of

Science degrees).

 Students are not permitted to pursue the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) and another baccalaureate degree concurrently.

 Students must file a separate Application for Graduation and pay the graduation fee for each degree. Two diplomas will be awarded upon simultaneous completion of the two degrees.

**D. Subsequent Baccalaureate Degree**

 Students must have earned an acceptable baccalaureate degree from a fully accredited college or university.

 The approved program must include a minimum of 30 semester hours earned after completion of the student’s first degree. A minor may be declared as part of the subsequent degree, but is not required.

 Twenty-four semester hours contained in the approved program must be earned at WKU.

 Fifteen semester hours must be earned in completion of a new major.

 One-half of the new semester hours presented in completion of each major and minor must be earned at the upper division level (courses numbered 300 or above).

 A minimum 2.00 grade average must be earned for all coursework presented in completion of the program; in all coursework completed at WKU; and in all coursework in each major and minor.

 Students are not permitted to pursue the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) as a subsequent baccalaureate degree.

1. **Catalog statement of proposed policy:**

**Concurrent and Subsequent Degrees –** Students may pursue two or more degrees either concurrently or subsequently, as specific below.

**A. Concurrent (Dual) Associate Degrees**

 A minimum of 75 semester hours must be earned to complete the requirements of two associate degrees concurrently.

 Courses taken toward fulfilling one associate degree may also count toward fulfilling requirements in the other, provided that a minimum of 15 semester hours of coursework in the additional major – not including general education – applies exclusively to the additional concurrently earned associate degree.

 A minimum of 15 credit hours must be earned through instruction at WKU.

 A minimum 2.0 grade point average must be earned for all coursework presented in completion of both degrees; in all coursework completed at WKU; and in all coursework in the major.

 Students may pursue concurrent degrees that lead to the same degree type (e.g., two Associate of

Science degrees)

 Students must file a separate Application for Graduation and pay the graduation fee for each degree. Two diplomas will be awarded upon simultaneous completion of the two degrees.

**B. Subsequent Associate Degree**

 Students must have earned an acceptable associate or higher degree from a fully accredited college or university.

 The approved program must include a minimum of 15 semester hours in a new major earned after completion of the student’s first degree.

 A minimum of 12 credit hours must be earned through instruction at WKU.

 A 2.00 grade average must be earned for all coursework presented in completion of the program; in all coursework completed at WKU; and in all coursework in the major.

**C. Concurrent (Dual) Baccalaureate Degrees**

 A minimum of 150 semester hours must be earned to complete the requirements of two baccalaureate degrees concurrently.

 A minimum of 57 upper division hours must be earned (courses numbered 300 or above).

 A minimum of 30 credit hours must be earned through instruction at WKU.

 A minimum 2.0 grade point average must be earned in all coursework presented in completion of the degrees; in all coursework completed at WKU; and in all coursework in each major and minor.

 Students may pursue concurrent degrees that lead to the same degree type (e.g., two Bachelor of

Science degrees).

 Students are not permitted to pursue the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) and another baccalaureate degree concurrently.

 Students must file a separate Application for Graduation and pay the graduation fee for each degree. Two diplomas will be awarded upon simultaneous completion of the two degrees.

**D. Subsequent Baccalaureate Degree**

 Students must have earned an acceptable baccalaureate degree from a fully accredited college or university.

 The approved program must include a minimum of 30 semester hours earned after completion of the student’s first degree. A minor may be declared as part of the subsequent degree, but is not required.

 A minimum of 24 credit hours must be earned through instruction at WKU.

 Fifteen semester hours must be earned in completion of a new major.

 One-half of the new semester hours presented in completion of each major and minor must be earned at the upper division level (courses numbered 300 or above).

 A minimum 2.00 grade average must be earned for all coursework presented in completion of the program; in all coursework completed at WKU; and in all coursework in each major and minor.

 Students are not permitted to pursue the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) as a subsequent baccalaureate degree.

1. **Rationale for proposed policy revision:**

SACSCOC principles 3.5.2 states “at least 25% of the credit hours required for the degree are earned through instruction offered by the institution awarding the degree.” This clarifies that the 25% are WKU courses, for which we provide instruction.

1. **Impact of proposed policy revision on existing academic or non-academic policies:**

4.1 Impact on policies: Residence Requirement  
4.2 Impact on populations that may be affected: Audit demonstrate no impact

1. **Proposed term for implementation:** Fall 2014
2. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**

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