

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

RECOMMENDATION

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Board of Regents approve a modification to Board of Regents policy 6.1.2 Academic Programs and Requirements, General Curriculum Requirements.

SUMMARY

These revisions clarify Regents policy 6.1.2 with respect to the previously approved General Education curriculum and clarify wording regarding graduation requirements.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal implications to these revisions.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The proposed action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

University Executive Officer

Date



Policies, Rules and Regulations

Chapter Name: Academic Programs and Requirements

Chapter No. 6.1.2

Issue: General Curricular Requirements

Effective Date: 3-2-1964

Revision Date: 6-17-1997

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Each curriculum leading to a bachelor's degree requires a minimum of 124 semester hours of academic credit at the 100-level and above. Courses with numbers below 100 will not be counted toward this degree requirement. No more than eight hours of credit in physical education activity courses may be applied to this minimum of 124 semester hours except that students majoring in Physical Education, Recreation or Dance may apply to the minimum 124 credit hours the minimum number of hours in activity courses required for their respective majors.

GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (effective for students who began their undergraduate program fall 2007 or later)

The General Education Program sets up minimum requirements which all students in the University must meet in five broad areas of study: Effective Communication, Quantitative Reasoning, Perspectives on Diversity, Knowledge of the Disciplines, Learning Beyond the Classroom.

A minimum total of 39 semester hours in the General Education Program is required. Translated into specific areas, the General Education Program includes:

Effective Communication two courses required

1. One course in Written Composition.

2. One course in Oral Communication.

Quantitative Reasoning one course required

Perspectives on Diversity.....two courses required

1. One course on Global Awareness
2. One course on US Diversity

Knowledge of the Disciplines.....eight courses required

1. Two courses in the Arts with different prefixes
2. Two courses in Humanities with different prefixes
3. Two courses in Natural Sciences with different prefixes
4. Two courses in Social Science with different prefixes

Learning Beyond the Classroom.....two groups required

1. Self and Well-Being
2. Community Service, Citizenship & Leadership
3. Cultural & Academic Activities & Events
4. Career and Professional Development
5. International & Multicultural Experience
6. Undergraduate Research

REQUIREMENTS IN MAJORS AND MINORS

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Hours of credit counted in a minor may not also be applied to a major or another minor, or vice versa. General Education courses may be applied toward a major or minor, where appropriate.

Credits in the required 121 English composition course and credits in professional education courses do not count toward majors and minors, except in cases where such courses are specifically required or indicated as permissible as part of that major or minor.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for the bachelor's degree must earn at least 30 semester hours at Eastern Michigan University. These 30 hours may be taken on or off campus.

Of the last 30 semester hours, prior to the granting of the bachelor's degree, at least 10 hours must be taken in courses offered by Eastern Michigan University. These 10 hours may be taken either on or off campus.

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SCHOLARSHIP

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COURSE LEVEL

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At least 9 credits in 300-level or higher courses must be earned at EMU in each major.

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