

CHAPTER II

STUDENTS

SECTION VIII. BACCALAUREATE DEGREES REQUIREMENTS

- A. Categories of Requirements. The requirements for a baccalaureate degree vary among System institutions, but generally fall into three categories:
1. General Education. This group of courses is mandated by the Board of Regents, and is generally taken within the first two years (freshman and sophomore) at the institution. Total credits for these courses range from 39-45 credit hours. Of these, a minimum of six semester hours must be in English composition and six semester hours must be in Mathematics/Analytical Reasoning in order to demonstrate competency. (*Revised 10/22/2013*)
 2. Courses in the Major. Each institution will specify its own assortment of courses required to complete the degrees it offers. The number of credit hours will vary by program and by institution.
 3. Electives or Selectives. Students choose additional courses to complete their college experience. Certain programs may have lists of courses from which students may choose to complement the required courses in a major.
- B. Total Credit Hours for the Degree. The total number of credit hours required for a baccalaureate degree shall be 120 hours unless otherwise required for accreditation and/or professional certification purposes. In those cases where a degree program must exceed 120 hours, it shall first be submitted to the UL System Office for review and approval. (*Revised August 2010*)
- C. Grade-Point Average (GPA). The minimum GPA for graduation is 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, generally. However, institutions may specify a higher GPA for certain majors.
- D. Optional Requirements. Institutions may impose additional requirements such as selection of a minor, oral and written proficiency, assessment in the major, licensing examination scores, internships, practice or other field experiences, and/or other elements.