



ACADEMIC AFFAIRS POLICY

NUMBER/TITLE: AA-134, DEGREE CREDIT OPTION CHANGE

Covered Individuals: All Students

Covered Locations: All

Effective Date: February 25, 2026

Strategic Priority: SP 1

HLC: Criterion 3A

Consultations: CAO, VPDEE, VPFASL, VPMES, Director, MVA, Executive Director, FS, Registrar, Faculty (Academic Affairs Committee)

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy applies to all undergraduate students enrolled in degree programs that offer both 90-credit and 120-credit options.

PURPOSE

This policy establishes guidelines and procedures for undergraduate students who wish to change from a 90-credit degree program to a 120-credit degree program within the same major. The policy ensures academic planning integrity while providing flexibility for students whose academic goals evolve.

DEFINITIONS

90-Credit Degree Program: An accelerated undergraduate degree program requiring completion of 90 credit hours, designed for students focused on a single major without additional minors or concentrations.

120-Credit Degree Program: A traditional undergraduate degree program requiring completion of 120 credit hours, allowing flexibility for double majors, minors, or broader liberal arts exploration.

Degree Credit Option Change: A formal modification to a student's declared degree program from one credit-hour requirement to another within the same major field of study.

POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

A. Change from 90-Credit to 120-Credit Option

Students enrolled in a 90-credit degree program may request to change to the 120-credit degree program option within the same major under the following circumstances:

1. Student wishes to pursue a double major
2. Student wishes to add a minor
3. Student's academic or career goals have evolved to require additional coursework beyond the 90-credit requirement

B. Change from 90-Credit emphasis to a different 90-Credit emphasis

Students enrolled in a 90-credit degree program may request to change emphasis within that 90-credit major.

C. Students enrolled in a 120-credit degree program may not change to the 90-credit degree program option. This restriction is based on:

1. The advanced planning required for successful completion of the 90-credit accelerated pathway

2. Time constraints that may compromise student success in an accelerated format
3. The need for early commitment to the focused curriculum of the 90-credit option

CUSTODIAN

Chief Academic Officer (CAO)

RELATED DOCUMENTS, FORMS, AND POLICIES

- Change of Major Form

HISTORY

New/Revision Number	Date of Action/Approval	Revision Change
AA-134	February 25, 2026	New policy.