

Motion re Academic Residency for Joint Degree, Dual Degree, and Exchange Programs

Motion:

Effective Summer 2010

1. Section 1450 of the Catalog, Academic Residence Requirement, is modified as follows:

Additions

Academic residence is defined as being enrolled in one or more courses at Georgia State University; this is not to be confused with status as a legal resident of the State of Georgia for fee determination purposes. The minimum academic residence requirement for each baccalaureate degree is as follows:

The candidate must earn 39 semester hours at Georgia State in courses numbered 3000 or above with a grade point average of at least a C (2.00 GPA) . . .

Up to 9 hours of 3000/4000 credit earned at another institution as part of an official Georgia State University joint degree, dual degree, or exchange program may be counted toward the academic residency requirement.

Rationale:

As Georgia State develops more partnerships (particularly with international institutions) the 39 hours requirement has become a barrier to the success of these partnerships. It is appropriate to make an exception to the 39-hour rule for joint, dual, and exchange programs that have been official approved by Georgia State University.

Due to SACS Principles of Accreditation, we cannot lower the academic residency requirement below 30 hours. SACS Comprehensive Standard 3.5.2 states that for undergraduate programs: "at least 25% of the credit hours required for the degree are earned through instruction offered by the institution awarding the degree."