## **Program Change Request**

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- 1. ARSC Dean Initial
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  Assessment and
  Review
- 3. Registrar Initial
- 4. ARSD Chair
- 5. ARSC Curriculum Committee
- 6. ARSC Dean
- 7. Global Campus
- 8. Provost Review
- 9. University Course and Program Committee
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- 14. Catalog Editor Final

#### **Approval Path**

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- 3. 10/21/15 3:07 pm lkulcza: Approved for Registrar Initial
- 4. 10/21/15 3:34 pm jdurdik: Approved for ARSD Chair
- 5. 04/07/16 4:25 pm rlee: Approved for ARSC Curriculum

Committee

6. 04/07/16 4:50 pm jdurdik: Approved for ARSC Dean

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Global Campus

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#### History

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Catalog Pages Using this

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Program

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Academic Level Undergraduate

Select a reason for the proposed change:

Making Minor Changes to an Existing Degree (e.g. changing 15 or fewer hours,

changing admission/graduation requirements, adding Focused Study)

Program Status Active

Academic Unit Policy

Effective Catalog Year Fall 2017 2014

College, School,

Division

Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)

Department Code Department of Arts and Sciences Dean (ARSD)

Program Code ARSC Acad Regs

Degree Not Applicable

CIP Code 46.9999 - Construction Trades, Other.

Program Title ARSC College Academic Regulations

Method of Delivery On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary or use courses from

No

another College?

Does this change the No total hours needed to complete the program?

Program Requirements, Description and 8-Semester Plan

## **College Academic Regulations**

Courses of study in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences are designed to give students the comprehensive view of society that the modern world requires. Students who enroll in Fulbright College, or who elect some of its courses, have an opportunity to gain a broad cultural education, which is a part of intelligent living and, at the same time, to prepare for professions or to acquire technical training in the sciences. The college has two major teaching functions: to provide basic general education in the arts and sciences necessary to all persons for effective participation in the complex world in which we live; and, second, to furnish the student an opportunity to specialize in the field of the student's choice.

To implement the first of these aims and to furnish a broad base for the accomplishment of the second, the faculty of Fulbright College has adopted the requirements listed below for each degree.

Specific course requirements may be fulfilled in one of four ways:

- 1. Establishing credit in approved courses:
  - 1. By enrolling in and completing the required work in the course,
  - 2. By examination (credit will be entered as CR on a student's record as explained in <u>Advanced-Standing Programs</u>),
  - 3. By advanced achievement, i.e., by satisfactory completion of a more advanced course of a sequence. For example, students who earn a grade of "C" or better in a third-semester foreign language course may be granted credit for the second semester course upon recommendation of the Department of World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, and approval by the Dean of the college. (This does not apply to work taken as a self-paced online [correspondence] course or in transfer.)
- 2. Gaining exemption by examination. Announced exemption examinations are routinely offered in several courses. Students may consult any department or the dean's office concerning exemption examinations.
- 3. Advanced placement by examination. A student who is granted advanced placement may elect to substitute a more advanced course for the listed required course.
- 4. Transfer credit. Students presenting transfer credit in lieu of stated requirements may be asked to present official course descriptions, etc. Transfer work with grades of "D" or "F" will not be accepted.

## Degree Completion Program Policy

# Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences Graduation Requirements

In addition to the specific course requirements for the degree plan and major, be aware that there are general graduation requirements that every student in Fulbright College must complete.

1. Minimum Total Semester Hour Requirement

B.A., B.S. and B.S.W. Degrees: 120 hours

B.M.: 120 - 124 hours B.F.A.: 120 - 123 hours 2. Residency Requirement

1. University Residency (Enrollment) Requirement

Students must earn a minimum of 30 semester hours at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville campus – this includes UA faculty-led study abroad classes, online/on-campus classes, and Global Campus courses; and all other courses paid towards Fayetteville campus tuition and fees. These 30 semester hours are to be upper-division semester hours required for the completion of a degree program. Additional hours in residence can be required for completing a minor. Hours earned in another school or college at UA, Fayetteville, may be used to satisfy this requirement with approval of appropriate faculty curriculum committee.

- College Residency Requirement and 24 Hour Rule
   A student graduating from Fulbright College must have completed at least 30 hours of credit in courses offered by Fulbright College, at least 24 of which must be 3000 and 4000 level courses from departments in Fulbright College.
- 3. Major/Minor Residency Requirement (50 Percent Rule)
  A student graduating with a major or a minor from Fulbright College must have completed a minimum of 50 percent of degree credit work within the Fulbright College major or within the Fulbright College minor at the University of Arkansas through courses completed at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville campus as defined in the University Residency Requirement. This percentage completion requirement may be higher for some majors and minors. Students should review individual departmental requirements to verify if a higher percentage is required by their specific major or minor department.
- 3. 40-Hour Rule

Students must present for degree credit at least 40 hours of work in courses numbered 3000 and above. Included in these 40 hours can be courses numbered 2000 if each has a specific course designated as a prerequisite. It is highly recommended that students complete all 40 hours in courses numbered 3000 and higher. These courses may be taken from other colleges or universities as long as the college residency requirement and the 24-hour rule are satisfied.

4. Grade-Point Average

Students graduating from Fulbright College must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00.

- 5. 68-Hour Rule
  - Students who transfer into the university may present for degree credit no more than 68 hours of lower division course work (1000 and 2000 level).
- 6. Writing Requirement
  - Students graduating from Fulbright College must write a research/analytical paper for at least one upperdivision course in his or her major. Each department has determined its own procedures for certifying completion of this requirement. Questions should be referred to the departmental chairperson. A student may choose to write a senior thesis in a major area of study. The thesis may be accorded up to six hours of credit. Defense of the thesis before a committee is required. Satisfactory completion of an honors project or a senior thesis may be submitted to meet the college writing requirement.
- 7. Students must complete the stated requirements for a Fulbright College major in addition to all university requirements for graduation, including the University Core requirements.

Questions concerning fulfilling the requirements should be referred to the student's adviser or to the dean's

office, which will maintain current lists of approved courses, experimental offerings approved to fulfill requirements for a specified period of time, examination schedules, and other options available to the student.

#### **Graduation with Distinction**

Students who have not completed a Fulbright college or departmental honors degree program but have otherwise demonstrated academic excellence in baccalaureate degree programs in the J. William Fulbright College Senior Scholar A student who has earned at least 50 percent of Arts and Sciences will be recognized at graduation by his or her college credits at the designation University of "with high distinction" or "with highest distinction." To Arkansas and has maintained a grade-point average of at least 3.80 through the semester preceding graduation shall earn this designation, the student the distinction of "Fulbright College Senior Scholar." In addition to completing one of the sets of degree requirements listed below, a student must meet the following criteria upon degree completion: also complete the university requirements for graduation, including the University Core requirements.

- 1.) The student must have completed at least one-half of his or her degree work at the University of Arkansas.
- 2.) For "with high distinction," the student must achieve a cumulative U of A GPA of 3.8 to 3.899.
- 3.) For "with highest distinction," the student must achieve a cumulative U of A GPA of 3.9 or higher.

The criteria may be evaluated and changed periodically by the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences.

#### Combined Academic and Medical or Dental Degree

Fulbright College offers a Bachelor of Science degree in medical science or medical science (dentistry). A student may substitute the first year of regular medical or dental work taken in any standard, approved medical or dental school for 33 hours of the 120 hours required for the Bachelor of Science degree provided that the following requirements are met:

- 1. Completion of all university/state core requirements for a B.S. degree, as appropriate, prior to student's entrance in medical or dental school.
- 2. Completion of a minimum of 12 hours of courses numbered above 3000 taken in Fulbright College.
- 3. Completion of at least 30 hours immediately prior to student's entrance in medical or dental school in residence in Fulbright College.

Students interested in this degree should consult with their adviser or with the Fulbright College dean's office early in their program. Formal application for the degree should be made to the Registrar.

This program is for highly qualified students with outstanding academic records who may be eligible for early admission to medical school or dental school programs. The year of a medical or dental study substitutes for the major in the B.S. degree program.

### **Additional Majors**

Students fulfilling all requirements for the B.S., B.S.W., B.F.A. and B.M. degrees, including all core requirements

and at least one major in these degree programs, may also claim an additional major in a humanistic discipline, social science, or interdisciplinary program associated with a B.A. degree. Upon completion of all major requirements of the additional discipline, the additional major will be made part of the student's transcript; however, a B.A. degree is not awarded. Students interested in this option should consult regularly with an academic adviser in the additional major and must notify the Fulbright College dean's office (MAIN 525) when degree application is made.

Are Similar Programs available in the area?

No

Estimated Student Demand for Program:

NA

Scheduled Program Review Date:

NA

Program Goals and Objectives:

NA

Learning Outcomes:

NA

Fulbright College has had a long-standing tradition of recognizing students at commencement who have earned a 3.80 or higher GPA by designating them to be "Fulbright College Senior Scholars." These students are recognized at commencement only, and there is no official designation on their transcript. The College wishes to change this process to be more similar to what is done in the other colleges which bestow levels of distinction to non-honors program students based on high cumulative GPA achievement. This will allow us to 1.) avoid confusing Fulbright Senior Scholars with the UA 4.0 Senior Scholars, 2.) allow us to further distinguish those students who achieve a 3.9 or higher GPA, and 3.) grant official distinction designation on the final transcript of degree recipients who complete the specified requirements for graduation with distinction.

Description and justification of the request:

Changing the language for "Graduation with Distinction" to include the designation of "with high distinction" or "with highest distinction." Also adding the following criteria:

- 1.) The student must have completed at least one-half of his or her degree work at the University of Arkansas.
- 2.) For "with high distinction," the student must achieve a cumulative U of A GPA of 3.8 to 3.899.
- 3.) For "with highest distinction," the student must achieve a cumulative U of A GPA of 3.9 or higher.

The criteria may be evaluated and changed periodically by the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences.

Program reviewer comments

agriffin (10/15/15 2:04 pm): Added the second paragraph to the description to clarify the specific changes being made.

agriffin (04/18/16 11:17 am): Changed effective catalog year from fall 2016 to fall 2017 due to the timeline of approval process and catalog deadline.

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