

ATTACHMENT 2A

Academic Policy Series

1622.20A

ADD, CHANGE OR DELETE UNIT, PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, OR ACADEMIC POLICIES

Complete this form consistent with the instructions in Academic Policy 1622.20. Use the form to add, change, or delete a program or unit or to change program policies. Proposed additions and changes must be consistent with Academic Policies 1100.40 and 1621.10 and any other policies which apply.

SECTION I: Approvals

Department / Program Chair Date Submitted Graduate Council Chair Date
College Dean Date Faculty Senate Chair Date
Honors College Dean Date Provost Date
Core Curriculum Committee Date Board of Trustees Approval/Notification Date
University Course and Programs Committee Date Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Approval/Notification Date

SECTION II: Profile Data - Required Information and Name Change Information

Academic Unit: Major/Field of Study Minor Other Unit All Degree Undergraduate Programs in ARSC Policy

Level: Undergraduate Graduate Law Effective Catalog Year

Program changes are effective with the next available catalog. See Academic Policy Series 1622.20

Current Name Fulbright College Graduation Requirements

College, School, Division ARSC Department Code ARSD

Current Code (6 digit Alpha) Proposed Code (6 digit Alpha) Prior approval from the Office of the Registrar is required.

Interdisciplinary Program CIP Code Prior assignment from Office of Institutional Research is required.

Proposed Name When a program name is changed, enrollment of current students reflects the new name.

SECTION III: Add a New Program/Unit

For new program proposals, complete Sections II and VII and use as a cover sheet for a full program proposal as described in 'Criteria and Procedures for Preparing Proposals for New Programs in Arkansas.' ADHE http://www.adhe.edu/divisions/academicaffairs/Pages/aa\_academicproposals.aspx

Program proposal uses courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here:

SECTION IV: Eliminate an Existing Program/Unit

Code/Name Effective Catalog Year No new students admitted to program after Term: Year: Allow students in program to complete under this program until Term: Year:

SECTION V: Proposed Changes to an Existing Program or Program Policies

**Insert here a statement of the exact changes to be made: To remove the "Eight Hour Rule" limitation from the Fulbright College Graduation Requirements. Modification to the 40-hour rule in light of the elimination of the 8-hour rule.**

Check if either of these boxes apply and provide the necessary signature:

- Program change proposal adds courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: \_\_\_\_\_
- Program change proposal deletes courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all the boxes that apply and complete the required sections of the form:

- Change of Name and Code (Complete only sections I, II, V and VII.)
- Change Course Requirements: (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change Delivery Site/Method (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change Total Hours (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change in Program Policies

### **SECTION VI: Justification**

*Justify this change and state its likely effect on any other degree program (including those outside the school or college). Identify any program or program components (other than courses) to be eliminated if this program is implemented. (Program and course change forms must also be submitted for such related changes.)*

**1. We propose to delete the restriction imposed by the "Eight Hour Rule." With the changes to the core curriculum and departmental requirements previously passed by the college faculty, we propose eliminating the "Eight Hour Rule." First, the Eight Hour Rule has not been reviewed in many years and generally reflects a dated understanding of many disciplines and academic areas. In many cases, the academic areas listed under the rule have substantially changed and to limit our student's access is often arbitrary and unnecessary. Second, it is possible that one or more of these areas might be complementary to the student's major in Fulbright College. Third, the application of a matrix of "rules" has become a guiding strategy in how we framed our curriculum. While not all restrictions that are "hour-rules" based are capricious, we believe there are better curriculum options. Fourth, the restrictions on AERO and MILS are especially capricious and unwarranted. Finally, and to that end, we propose to eliminate the Eight Hour Rule as a first step so that departmental faculty will have the option of modifying their major's degree requirements to reflect an alternative (not so heavily "rules-based") orientation. For instance, a degree program might require students to complete a minor in a related area, increase the number of advanced hours in the major, choose hours from a list of advanced electives, etc.**

**2. The proposed change eliminates the exclusion of MILS and AERO. While we ultimately will recommend departments restructure their curriculums to deemphasize "rules-based" hour limitations, this change removes unnecessary restrictions.**

### **SECTION VII: Catalog Text and Format**

*In the box below, insert the current catalog text which is to be changed, with changes highlighted with the color yellow. Include all proposed changes identified in Section V. Only changes explicitly stated in Section V will be considered for approval by the University Course and Programs Committee, the Graduate Council and the Faculty Senate. If you are proposing a new program, give proposed text with all of the elements listed below. If you are proposing modified text, include these elements as appropriate.*

**Include the following elements, in order, in the catalog text for proposed undergraduate program(s) or program changes:**

- State complete major/program name
- Briefly define or describe the major/program or discipline.
- Identify typical career goals or paths for graduates. (Optional)
- State admission requirements (if any) for entry or entry into upper/advanced level of major/program.
- Identify location in catalog of university, college/school, and department/program requirements which the student must meet in addition to hours in the major, but do not restate these requirements.
- State course requirements in the major and any allied areas, giving number of hours and specific courses; specify electives or elective areas and give numbers of hours and courses in elective pools or categories; identify any other course requirements.
- State any other requirements (required GPA, internship, exit exam, project, thesis, etc.).
- Identify name and requirements for each concentration (if any).
- Specify whether a minor or other program component is allowed or required and provide details.
- State eight-semester plan requirements

**For minors, state requirements in terms of hours, required courses, electives, etc.**

**For graduate program/units, include elements (as needed) parallel to those listed for undergraduate programs above.**

**For Law School program/units, prepare text consistent with current catalog style.**

**For centers, prepare text consistent with current catalog style.**

### **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.M., B.S. and B.S.W. Degrees: 124 hours

B.F.A.: 128 hours

2. Residency Requirements

a) 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, on-line/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.

b) 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. 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. ~~The following courses are excluded: MILS 2001 and 2011, and AERO 2001 and 2011.~~ 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. "D"- Rule

If a student has grades of "D" in more than 25 percent of the hours presented for graduation credit, she/he will not be allowed to graduate.

6. Eight Hour Rule

~~Students may submit no more than eight semester credit hours from the following list of course alpha codes. These may be used for degree credit only with the specific recommendation of the adviser.~~

~~AERO Aerospace Studies~~

~~AGED Agricultural and Extension Education~~

~~DEAC Dance Education Activity~~

~~ETEC Educational Technology~~

~~EXED Extension Education~~

~~HLSCH Health Science~~

~~ITED Industrial/Technical Education~~

~~MILS Military Science~~

~~PEAC Physical Education Activity~~

~~PHED Physical Education~~

~~RECR Recreation~~

~~UNIV University~~

~~VOED Vocational Education~~

~~\*No more than four of the eight hours may be applied from AERO, MILS, PEAC, or DEAC (combined).~~

7. 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).

8. Writing Requirement

Students graduating from Fulbright College must write a research/analytical paper for at least one upper-division 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.

98. Students must complete the stated requirements for a Fulbright College major in addition to all University Requirements for Graduation, including the University Core Requirements (see page 40).

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.

## SECTION VIII: Action Recorded by Registrar's Office

### PROGRAM INVENTORY/DARS

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### REPORTING CODES

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### Distribution

Notification to:

(1) College (2) Department (3) Admissions (4) Institutional Research (5) Continuing Education (6) Graduate School  
(7) Treasurer (8) Undergraduate Program Committee

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