**Academic Policies and Programs Reviewed by Undergraduate Council, AY 2018-19**

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1. **Academic Policy Proposals Approved or Considered by Undergraduate Council**

Approved by Undergraduate Council and Faculty Senate, AY 2018-19

* **Course Type/Component definitions**—common course types and components (i.e., lecture, lab, discussion, studio) are now defined on the basis of the typical format, structure, and activities, along with the ABOR-required contact and homework hours.
* **Undergraduate course syllabus Policy/Template revisions**—the policy was revised by separating/clarifying course objectives and expected learning outcomes; additionally, the template was revised with recommended language on the Absence/Class Participation Policy.
* **Small Group Courses with fixed topics/learning outcomes**—certain House-numbered courses (i.e., colloquia, seminars, and workshops) may now be given unique course numbers if they have fixed topics and learning outcomes.
* **Credit-by Exam Policy amendment—**the German Abitur Examinations, given to German students after their 13th year of public education, may be used as a basis for awarding credit toward a UA degree. *Note: this new Credit-by-Exam option will be implemented when faculty curriculum committees determine department equivalencies, if any.*
* **Undergraduate Transfer Credit Policy amendments—**the UA now gives transfer credit for up to two courses from non-regionally-accredited institutions, and gives up to six elective credits for certified prior learning.
* **Second Start Readmission application deadline—**qualified returning students may now apply for Second Start up until the last day of classes of the first term of readmission.
* **Late Registration deadline—**the registration deadline and related appeal process have been discontinued, as those were no longer useful.
* **Internship Policies, Guidelines, and Form revisions—**policy updates include the number of work hours per credit hour, grading system for these house-numbered courses, and the academic component of an internship experience.
* **Undergraduate Academic Eligibility Policy—**this policy, which replaces the Academic Standing, Progress, Probation and Disqualification Policy, is designed to help undergraduates stay on track for degree completion.

Proposals for further consideration by Undergraduate Council

* **Undergraduate Certificate Definition, Policies, and Guidelines—**In Spring 2019 all committees approved the certificate definition, policies/guidelines for degree-seeking students on Main Campus; the Provost’s Council decided not to vote on this until UA Global proposed an amendment on certificate policies/guidelines designed for non-degree seeking and distance location students.

Proposals unresolved by Undergraduate Council

* **International Transfer Course Work as University Credit—**In Spring 2019 UA Global proposed that course work completed at certain UA Study Abroad sites be accepted as UA residence credit (instead of transfer credit). UGC sent considerable feedback to UA Global and is awaiting a revised proposal for consideration by the Curriculum/Policies Subcommittee.

1. **New Academic Program Proposals Approved by Undergraduate Council and Implemented by the University**

Majors

* BAS in Cyber Operations
* BAS in Organizational Leadership and Regional Commerce
* BS in Agricultural Systems Management
* BS in Applied Physics
* BS in Biosystems Analytics and Technology
* BS in Emergency Medical Services

Standalone Minors

* Arts Administration
* American Sign Language
* Hip Hop Cultures
* Recreation and Sports in Communities, Parks, and Schools

New Emphases (Sub-plans) for Existing Programs

* BA in Classics, Classical Languages Emphasis
* BA in East Asian Studies, East Asian Cultural Studies Emphasis
* BA in Journalism, Digital Journalism Emphasis
* BA in Music, Creative Studies Emphasis
* BA in Music, Integrated Studies Emphasis
* BA in Music, Musicology, Ethnomusicology, and Theory Emphasis
* BS in Public Health, Quantitative Methods in Public Health Emphasis

1. **New Academic Program Proposals Approved by Undergraduate Council but still awaiting Faculty Senate Review**

None

1. **New Academic Program Proposals Considered by Undergraduate Council in AY2018-19 pending decisions in 2019-20** None