Policy regarding the Senior Residency Requirement (SCR 10.1.3)

A student who takes courses outside UCSC, e.g. at community college, may choose to have only some of the credits completed outside counted toward the 180-credit graduation requirement. Subject credit will still be given for the courses not counted toward the graduation requirement. This will not require a petition, and can be approved by department or college advisors.

With this policy, it is expected that waivers of the Senior Residency requirement will not be granted by the Committee on Courses of Instruction, except when a student covered by SCR 10.1.3.D.2 has completed only 10 credits in residence after returning from the programs enumerated there (unless a variance to this regulation is granted by the Assembly), or in compelling situations that are not anticipated in this policy.

Example: A student completes 170 credits at UCSC, and then completes 30 credits at community college for courses articulated to UCSC courses with GE designations. If all 30 credits were to be counted, the student would not satisfy the senior residency requirement. The student can choose to have only 10 credits counted and graduate with 180 credits, even though the GE requirements fulfilled by all the courses taken outside will be counted.

Example: A student completes 150 credits at UCSC, and then completes 30 credits at community college. They can choose to have only 10 credits counted toward graduation, but they have to then complete another 20 credits at UCSC to graduate.

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