

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
Amendment to Regulations for Chapter 6
Student Program of Studies, 2019

To: Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division:

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) proposes the following changes to regulations about minimum progress for students:

- i. Allowing students to complete 35 credits in their first year instead of 36, as long as they complete 72 credits (36 per year) by the end of their second year. While 36 credits per year is the UC norm, at other campuses the standard load is 4 4-credit courses per term, so this translates to one course less than the standard load each term. By contrast, a student taking 3 5-credit courses per term could not be more than one course *per year* short of this standard.
- ii. Changing the minimum progress accounting thereafter to be on an annual basis rather than per academic term. This makes it easy to count credits completed during Summer Session as making up any shortfall in the preceding academic year, which is how Summer Session is supposed to function. It also matches our current practice.

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6.2 Class Levels; Minimum Progress; and Denial of Enrollment.	6.2 No changes.
6.2.1 Determination of undergraduate class level is made at the end of each quarter. A student advances from freshman to sophomore standing after passing 44.9 credit hours, from sophomore to junior standing after passing 89.9 credit hours, from junior to senior standing after passing 134.9 credit hours.	6.2.1 No changes.
6.2.2.1 For undergraduate students entering UCSC fall 2001 and after: Undergraduate students are required to make Minimum Progress toward their degree by maintaining total earned credits equal to or greater than the cumulative total of (a) 36 credits for each academic year of full-time enrollment, (b) 12 credits for each additional quarter of full-time enrollment, and (c) four-fifths of the credits attempted in part-time enrollment. Credit transferred from	6.2.2.1 For undergraduate students entering UCSC fall 2001 and after: Undergraduate students are required to make Minimum Progress toward their degree by maintaining total earned credits equal to or greater than the cumulative total of (a) 36 credits 35 credits for the first academic year of full-time enrollment, (b) 72 credits for the first two academic years of full-time enrollment (c) 12

<p>other institutions upon enrollment at the University of California, Santa Cruz, is not included in Minimum Progress calculations. Satisfaction of Minimum Progress is assessed at least once each year. Continued registration of a student who does not satisfy the Minimum Progress requirement is at the discretion of the faculty of the student's college or their agents and is subject to such conditions as they may impose.</p>	<p>credits for each additional quarter 36 credits for each additional year of full-time enrollment, and (d) four-fifths of the credits attempted in part-time enrollment. Credit transferred from other institutions upon enrollment at the University of California, Santa Cruz, is not included in Minimum Progress calculations. Satisfaction of Minimum Progress is assessed at least once each year. Continued registration of a student who does not satisfy the Minimum Progress requirement is at the discretion of the faculty of the student's college or their agents and is subject to such conditions as they may impose.</p>
<p>6.2.2.2 For undergraduate students who entered UCSC before fall 2001: A full-time undergraduate student is considered to be making minimum progress toward a degree if they are progressing toward a degree as indicated in the chart below and has passed with grade P, A, B, or C at least 30 credit hours in the three most recent quarters, or if an exception has been approved in writing by the Faculty of the student's college. (EC 31 Aug 16)</p> <p>Part-time students are held accountable to the same standard of minimum progress as are full-time students, except that each 15 credit hours they attempt constitute one full-time quarter.¹</p> <p>For purposes of computing minimum progress, credit for work transferred from another institution upon admission to the University of California, Santa Cruz, will not be included. Therefore, all students entering the University of</p>	<p>6.2.2.2 No changes.</p>

<p>California, Santa Cruz, for the first time will begin the determination of minimum progress from Quarter 1. Credit for work transferred from another institution upon admission will be used, however, to determine the total number of quarters allowed for completion of the degree.</p> <p>Minimum Number of UCSC Credit Hours Completed</p> <p>Quarter (includes post-admission transfer credit)</p> <p>1 5</p> <p>2 15</p> <p>3 30</p> <p>4 40</p> <p>5 50</p> <p>6 65</p> <p>7 75</p> <p>8 85</p> <p>9 100</p> <p>10 110</p> <p>11 125</p> <p>12 140</p> <p>13 150</p> <p>14 165</p> <p>15 180</p>	
<p>6.2.3 A full-time undergraduate student will be expected to complete all requirements for a degree in no more than 15 quarters of enrollment. A part-time student will have the equivalent of 15 full-time quarters of enrollment to complete all requirements for a degree, with each 15 credit hours attempted</p>	<p>6.2.3 No changes.</p>

	<p>counting as one full-time quarter. A student who enters the University of California, Santa Cruz, with transfer credit from another institution or who transfers credit to the University of California, Santa Cruz, after entrance will be allowed an equivalent period of time for completion of all degree requirements based upon the total number of credit hours of transfer credit, with each 15 credit hours counting as one quarter.</p>
<p>6.2.4 Undergraduate students who have both passed 180 or more credit hours and accumulated 12 or more quarters toward completion of their degrees may be denied permission to enroll again at the University of California, Santa Cruz, by the provost of their college or the provost's designee. Upon the recommendation of the college Faculty or a department's Faculty, the provost or the provost's designee may make exceptions for transfer students or for students pursuing programs which require them to complete more than 180 credit hours.</p>	<p>6.2.4 No changes.</p>

Respectfully submitted;
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