

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC 9:

Time Limit on Academic Credit Policy*

Proposal

This proposal is recommending a policy for all undergraduate credit earned more than 10 years prior to admission (whether earned in residence, transferred from another institution or granted via advanced placement) require special review, including a petition to the academic department for major requirements. The change is being proposed for the 2016-2017 Course Catalog.

Rationale

There is currently no “Statute of Limitations” policy on academic credit at UNC Asheville. The course content of major requirements in many disciplines can change greatly over the course of 10 years. This policy allows the academic department to make the determination of the applicability of this credit towards major requirements as opposed to the current practice of the Registrar’s office making that determination.

Impact

For transfer students, when course credit was earned more than 10 years prior to readmission:

- Up to 60 hours may be applied towards General Education requirements or general, non-major elective. The determination of the 60 hours will be processed using the following hierarchy: General Education > Non-major electives using most recent courses > Major courses that don’t fulfill a major requirement.
- Regarding major requirements, students will need to petition the Chair of the major department for transfer credit consideration. Credit will be awarded only for courses that directly fulfill a major requirement. No more than 50% of major requirements may be transferred.

For UNCA Readmits, when course credit was earned more than 10 years prior to readmission:

- All General Education courses and non-major electives will remain on record as is.
- Coursework may not satisfy current major requirements. Students will need to petition the Chair of the major department for applicable credit. Upon chair approval, the courses would be applied accordingly on the student’s record.

***Note:** *This is a policy proposal and not a “catalog copy” document. The document with the wording for the catalog will be submitted for approval at a later date.*