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University Undergraduate Residency Requirements

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Philosophy and Rationale

DSU has residency requirements for baccalaureate majors, minors, and associate degrees in order to assess, test, and observe students' learning and acquisition of academic skills. This is necessary since, in granting a degree, DSU is certifying students' knowledge and skills to prospective employers, to other universities, and to concerned individuals.

Undergraduate Degree Requirements

Purpose

1. Expose students to the knowledge, competencies, and experience deemed essential for degrees conferred by the institution.
2. Certify that students have met institutional standards.
3. Provide faculty with the basis to act as a reference for students seeking employment.

"Course in Residence" Definition

A "Course in Residence" is a course offered by the degree-granting Regental institution at any of its approved sites using any approved method of delivery. Courses that are part of a formal collaborative agreement among Regental institutions are considered to be "in residence."

1. Residency Requirements for Degree-Seeking Students
2. Minimum number of credit hours that must be earned in residence:

Baccalaureate 32 hours
Associate 16 hours
Minor 6 hours

Number of the last credit hours earned preceding completion of the degree that must be earned in residence:
Baccalaureate 16 of the last 32 hours
Associate 8 of the last 16 hours

3. Minimum number of credit hours in the discipline that must be completed in residence: 50 percent.
4. Credits by evaluation of previous learning (prior learning/work experience or credits granted through CLEP or department credit by examination or Advanced Placement programs) do not count toward meeting requirements of number 2 and 3 above.
5. Universities may consider extenuating circumstances for students on a case-by-case basis including prior enrollment in Regental system institutions.

(Reference BOR Policy 2:20, University Residency Requirements)