

CHAPTER I

ACADEMICS

SECTION I. INSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENTS

Authorization. The Board authorizes institutions to enter into cooperative endeavor r

- C. Transfer Credit. Each institution may enter into agreements to transfer academic credit from institutions outside the United States, provided the System institution is prepared to demonstrate academic equivalencies.
- D. Non-Credit Courses. Each institution may offer at sites outside the United States any non-credit course or other learning experience, provided the program:
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- B. Awarding of Posthumous Degrees. As approved by the Board, a posthumous degree may be awarded by the institution provided all coursework has been completed up to the last semester with the appropriate cumulative GPA. Such degrees will be reported to the System office as they occur. (*Revised 1/5/01*)

SECTION VII. ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- A. Minimum Length for Academic Courses. For each semester hour of credit, a traditional lecture or laboratory course shall strive to meet a minimum of 750 minutes. Final exam periods may be counted as class time when computing required minutes.

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appropriate). Copies of all reports shall be sent to the System office immediately upon receipt by the institution. The System office shall also be sent copies of institutional responses. The System office will respect the confidentiality of such reports to the extent provided by law.

SECTION X. ACADEMIC RENEWAL

- A. Policy. Each institution in the System may have a policy to provide for undergraduate students who, after dropping out or being suspended because of academic deficiencies, have demonstrated sufficient maturation to be afforded an opportunity to begin college study again. If adopted, that policy will include the following minimum standards:
1. At least three years must elapse between the end of the semester in which the student was last registered for credit at any college or university and being enrolled under academic renewal.
 2. The student must submit an application for academic renewal to the desired institution in accord with deadlines established by that institution. The application shall include evidence that conditions have changed and that there is reasonable expectation of satisfactory performance.
 3. The institution shall have a procedure to evaluate the merits of each application and approve only those that convincingly demonstrate potential for success. Applying does not ensure approval.
 4. No prior academic credit carries forward as part of a degree program. However, the prior record remains a part of the student's overall academic record.
 5. If granted, the date of academic renewal is entered upon the transcript along with a statement prohibiting use of previously earned credits and quality points to (a) meet degree requirements, (b) compute the GPA leading toward undergraduate certificates or degrees, (c) or determine graduation status.
 6. Upon being granted academic renewal, the student has the status of an entering freshman and will begin a new record showing no credits attempted, no quality points earned, and no prior suspensions.
 7. A student demonstrating competency in a given area may be allowed advanced standing (without credit) or a waiver of requirements just as any entering freshman. Credit examinations may be taken for courses in which grades of "C" or higher were earned.
 8. A System institution may choose to accept or not accept, in transfer, academic renewal granted at another institution. However, academic renewal may be granted to a person only once, regardless of the institutions attended.
 9. Students are cautioned that many undergraduate professional curricula, graduate, and professional schools compute the undergraduate GPA on all hours attempted when considering applications for admission.

- B. Graduate and Professional Schools and Academic Renewal. Each graduate or professional school may make its own regulations on whether to use credits earned prior to academic renewal in computing the GPA for admission purposes. Graduate and professional school regulations will be consistent in the treatment of academic renewal at any institution within the System.

- C. Board Approval. Each institution will submit its proposed academic renewal policy to the System office for approval.