Policy Name: In-Residence Requirement

Policy Number: 6.15

Is this policy new, being reviewed/revised, or deleted? Review/Revise

Date of last revision, if applicable: 1/26/2016

Unit(s) Responsible for Policy Implementation: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Purpose of Policy (what does it do):

Reason for the addition, revision, or deletion (check all that apply):

- [ ] Scheduled Review
- [ ] Change in law
- [ ] Response to audit finding
- [x] Internal Review
- [ ] Other, please explain: 3

Please complete the appropriate section:

Specific rationale for new policy:

Specific rationale for each substantive revision: Changed to the required hours in residence requirement from 42 hours to 30 hours in order to bring SFA in line with the majority of our peer institutions.

Specific rationale for deletion of policy:

Additional Comments:

Reviewers:

Faculty Senate
Academic Affairs Policy Committee
Steve Bullard, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Damon Derrick, General Counsel
In-Residence Requirement

Original Implementation: January 25, 2000
Last Revision: January 26, 2016 July 25, 2017

The term "in-residence" includes all of the following types of courses: on-campus, off-campus, distance education, field-based, practicum, internship, and thesis/dissertation work for master's/doctoral degrees. Only courses offered by Stephen F. Austin State University will be counted toward the in-residence requirement.

Undergraduate Degree Programs

Undergraduate degrees require a minimum of 42 semester hours in-residence, all of which must be advanced work (300-400 level). The Registered Nurse—Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN) degree requires 30 semester hours in residence, all of which must be advanced (300–400 level).

All majors consist of at least 30 semester hours in the discipline and must include at least 18 hours of advanced work, of which at least 12 hours must be advanced work completed in-residence.

Minors consist of 18 - 24 semester hours, of which at least nine hours must be advanced work and six of which must be completed in-residence.

Graduate Degree Programs

Master’s degrees require a minimum of 24 semester hours completed in-residence. Doctoral degree in-residence requirements are determined by each college.

Cross Reference: None

Responsible for Implementation: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Contact for Revision: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Forms: None

Board Committee Assignment: Academic and Student Affairs