



In-Residence Requirement

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the “in-residence” requirement for undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Persons Affected

This policy applies to students enrolled at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Policy

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

Procedures

Undergraduate Degree Programs

Undergraduate degrees require at least 25 percent semester credit hours completed in-residence.

Undergraduate degrees with 120 hours total degree program hours require a minimum of 30 advanced (upper level) in-residence semester credit hours. The in-residence hour requirement will be fulfilled as part of the individual discipline major which includes at least 12 advanced in-residence semester credit hours. Minor requirements may also contribute to the total in-residence hours as at least six advanced in-residence semester credit hours are required. The balance of in-resident hours will be fulfilled through additional advanced semester credit hours and may include further major and minor coursework.

Undergraduate degrees with more than 120 total degree program hour requirements will ensure semester credit hours for the specific discipline include at least 25 percent of total semester credit hours in-residence.

Graduate Degree Programs

Graduate degrees require at least one third of total semester credit hours completed in-residence.

Related Statutes or Regulations, Rules, Policies, or Standards

6.20 SACS 9.4 Institutional credits for an undergraduate degree
SACS 9.5 Institutional credits for a graduate/professional degree



Responsible Executive

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Forms

None

Revision History

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