

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Steven A. Hanke, Chair of the Educational Policy Committee

DATE: 03/18/2024

SUBJ: Updating Resident Credit

WHEREAS, The Academic Regulations defines Resident Credit in section 1.2.1 as “credit earned at Purdue University Fort Wayne, or at another campus of Purdue University”; and

WHEREAS, the online offerings of courses (including 300 level and above) continues to increase from all campuses in the Purdue system; and

WHEREAS, there is deemed a need to ensure that students earning a Purdue University Fort Wayne (PFW) degree continue to take a substantial number of courses offered from the PFW campus; and

WHEREAS, the Purdue University Northwest campus has already updated their regulations to specify resident credits as being those taken through their campus; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for each department to define the phrase “course applicable to major” in the catalog;

BE IT RESOLVED, the PFW Academic Regulations be updated with the changes as noted with track changes on the following pages.

Current Catalog Language: Resident Credit

Section 1.0 (Definitions):

<https://catalog.pfw.edu/content.php?catoid=62&navoid=3410#definitions>

Academic Regulations

Definitions

1.0 Definitions: As used herein, the terms below have the specified meanings.

1.1 Academic record: the Purdue Fort Wayne (PFW) cumulative record maintained by the Registrar in accordance with these academic regulations. The PFW academic record is the sole basis upon which all questions relating to such matters as grades, graduation requirements, academic standing, and scholastic recognition are resolved. Official transcripts will continue to be produced using Purdue University procedures, and it is the responsibility of the PFW Registrar to maintain consistency between the PFW cumulative record and official transcripts.

1.2 Credit: the semester hour. Any reference to credits, credit hours, etc., shall be understood as referring to semester hours.

1.2.1 Resident credit: credit earned at Purdue University Fort Wayne or at another campus of Purdue University.

1.2.1.1 Course credit: resident credit awarded by PFW on the basis of a student's enrollment in and satisfactory completion of courses.

1.2.1.2 Special credit: resident credit awarded by Purdue University Fort Wayne and based on bases other than a student's enrollment in and satisfactory completion of courses. Special credit may be established by any of the following methods:

1.2.1.2.1 Credit by examination: credit awarded to a student on the basis of achievement on a departmental/divisional proficiency examination. (See Section 7.1)

Proposed Revision:

1.2.1 Resident credit: credit earned at Purdue University Fort Wayne, ~~or at another campus of Purdue University.~~

Current Catalog Language: Resident Credit

Section 10.0: Degrees

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Degrees

10.0: Degrees. Academic units may impose stricter requirements than those listed in this section but may not waive the following minimum standards. Provided these minimum standards are satisfied, adjustments to any degree requirement may be made by the unit establishing that requirement.

10.1: Degrees offered. For completion of undergraduate plans of study of at least 60 credits, associate degrees may be conferred. For completion of undergraduate plans of study of at least 120 credits, bachelor's degrees may be conferred.

10.2: Requirements for degrees. Any student entering a degree, certificate, or pre-major program will be required to fulfill the requirements in the catalog current at the time of entry or re-entry to the university.

The primary reasons for a student to be required to meet the requirements of a subsequent catalog include:

- Re-entry to Purdue University Fort Wayne (PFW) (after a one year period of non-enrollment)
- By request with the written acknowledgment of the academic advisor
- When required by accreditation, a department may require students to complete the curriculum defined by the most current catalog.

Any student who remains continuously enrolled or admitted to the university will be required to meet the requirements of the term of entry or re-entry to the university unless the student chooses to change to a subsequent with the written acknowledgment of the academic advisor.

Any student who is not continuously enrolled due to a period of deployment to serve in a branch of the armed services may meet the requirements of the catalog of the most recent entry or re-entry to the university.

In addition:

Any new requirement for a degree, certificate, or pre-major program may not be applied to currently enrolled students in these programs if it would increase the number of semester hours or the number of semesters required for completion of the program.

The school/division/department committee in charge of curriculum matters may refuse to accept as credit toward graduation any course which was completed 10 or more years previously. Former students shall be notified of all such decisions upon reentering or when the credit is determined to be unacceptable.

To gain any associate or bachelor's degree at Purdue University Fort Wayne (PFW), the student shall satisfy the following requirements:

10.2.1: The completion by resident credit or transfer credit (see Section 1.2) of the plan of study underlying the degree, including:

10.2.1.1: For an associate degree, the registration in and completion of at least 32 credits of resident course credit, including at least 15 credits in courses applicable to the major.

10.2.1.2: For a bachelor's degree, the registration in and completion of at least 32 credits of resident course credit at the 200 level or above, including at least 15 credits at the 300 level or above in courses applicable to the major.

10.2.2: Normally, completion of the entire final year in residence. However, with the approval of the student's school/division, a student who has satisfied the resident course credit requirement may complete the remaining requirements in another approved college or university.

10.2.3: Establishment of a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or better.

10.2.4: Registration, either in residence or in absentia, as a candidate for the desired degree during the academic session immediately preceding its conferral.

10.3: Double majors and double degrees. A student who will be completing the requirements for two or more degree programs simultaneously may be eligible to be registered as a candidate for more than one degree according to the following criteria:

10.3.1: Double major. If the degree programs are in the same school and lead to the same degree, only one degree shall be awarded. The academic record shall reflect multiple fields of study, as appropriate.

10.3.2: Double degree. If the degree programs are in different schools, two (or more) degrees may be awarded upon special request approved by the deans of the schools concerned and filed with the registrar at the beginning of the semester or session in which the degrees are to be awarded. If the degree programs are in the same school and lead to different degrees, the appropriate degrees shall be awarded.

10.4: Graduation with distinction. A candidate for the bachelor's degree with distinction must have a minimum of 65 resident credits included in the computation of the cumulative GPA. A candidate for an associate degree with distinction must have a minimum of 35 resident credits included in the computation of the cumulative GPA. The required GPA, calculated each spring as outlined below, shall also apply to degrees for the following summer sessions and fall semester.

10.4.1: In each college, school or division, the minimum cumulative GPA for graduation with distinction from an associate or bachelor's- degree program shall be 3.80-3.94.

10.4.2: In each college, school or division, the minimum cumulative GPA for graduation with highest distinction from an associate or bachelor's degree program shall be 3.95-4.00.

10.4.3: In each school or division, the requirements for graduation with distinction or with highest distinction from an associate-degree program shall be separately calculated as outlined above for bachelor's-degree programs.

10.5: Conferring of degrees. Degrees may be granted as of the close of each academic session. The names of the degree nominees will be presented by the Registrar to the appropriate board of trustees for approval.

Proposed Revision:

10.2.1.1: For an associate degree, the registration in and completion of at least 32 credits of resident ~~course~~ credit (see Section 1.2), including at least 15 credits ~~of resident credit~~ in courses applicable to the major ~~as defined by each department in the catalog~~.

10.2.1.2: For a bachelor's degree, the registration in and completion of at least 32 credits of resident ~~course~~ credit (see Section 1.2) at the 200 level or above, including at least 15 credits ~~of resident credit~~ at the 300 level or above in courses applicable to the major ~~as defined by each department in the catalog~~.

10.2.2: Normally, ~~completion of the entire final year in residence~~ final 30 credits must be completed with resident credit (see Section 1.2). However, ~~with the approval of the student's school/division, with the prior approval of their major department and their school/division/college~~, a student who has satisfied the resident ~~course~~ credit requirement may complete the remaining requirements in another approved college or university.

Information for committee drafting process (reference from Purdue Northwest residency requirement)

- Documents that a model like the proposed revision already exists within the Purdue system.

Purdue Northwest Residency Requirements

3. **Residency Rule.** Resident study at Purdue University Northwest for at least two semesters and the enrollment in and completion of at least 32 credit hours required and approved for the completion of the degree on Purdue University Northwest campuses. These courses are expected to be at least junior-level courses. Students must earn a minimum of 50 percent of coursework in their major concentration area in resident study with resident credit as defined above. A college/school/department/program may require more than 50 percent of resident credit to fulfill a major concentration for a given program. Students normally are expected to complete the senior year in residence; however, with the approval of the dean of the college concerned, a student who has had four semesters of resident study may complete the last year or a portion of it at another college or university, provided that the number of semester hours of credit to be taken does not exceed 25 percent of the total hours required for the degree. The foregoing stipulations do not apply to students who earn credit elsewhere through a contract or arrangement entered into by the University or one of its academic units.