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Policy on Second Baccalaureate Degree

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PURPOSE:

This policy changes the requirements that must be satisfied to earn a second or subsequent baccalaureate degree at Channel Islands. Recent changes to EO 1061, EO 1100 and Title 5 grant exemptions to American Institutions requirements and additional general education courses for students who have previously earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. Supersedes SP 06-19 "Policy on Second Baccalaureate Degree."

BACKGROUND:

California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 40404
CSU System Executive Order 1100, section 2.2.5 c (i)
CSUCI SP 06-19 "Policy on Second Baccalaureate Degree"

POLICY:

Accountability:
University Registrar

Applicability:

All CSU Channel Islands post-baccalaureate students seeking a second or subsequent baccalaureate degree. This policy does not apply to undergraduate students seeking a double-major or double degree.

Definition(s):

Discipline: Program of study.

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR): All students subject to the degree requirements of the 1977–78 or subsequent general catalogs must demonstrate competence in writing skills at the



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upper division level as a requirement for the baccalaureate degree and, if not previously met in the CSU, for a second baccalaureate degree.

Units in Residence: Units taken at CSUCI excluding Open University and Extension credits.

Policy Text:

Students seeking a second or subsequent baccalaureate degree must satisfy all requirements for the degree. However, as post baccalaureate students, they are also subject to additional requirements.

To be eligible for admission as a Second Baccalaureate degree candidate, students must:

1. hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 2.50 in their last 60 semester units (or 90 quarter units).

Degree Requirements:

- Students must satisfy all requirements for the degree. Students completing a baccalaureate degree who have previously earned a baccalaureate or higher degree from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency shall not be required to complete additional general education requirements.
- Students must meet all applicable Title V requirements. Students completing a baccalaureate degree who have previously earned a baccalaureate or higher degree from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency shall not be required to complete additional American Institutions requirements.
- Students must satisfy the Graduation Writing Assessment, if they have not already done so within the California State University system.
- Students must complete requirements in a discipline in which no degree has previously been granted. Courses previously applied to another degree may be used to satisfy content requirements, but cannot be used to satisfy unit requirements of the post-baccalaureate degree.
- Students must complete a minimum of 30 units in residence, including 24 units in upper division courses, which includes 12 units in the major.
- Students must maintain at least a 2.00 grade point average in all courses taken to remain in good academic standing.
- Students are not eligible for University honors, but may be eligible for major program or other honors.
- Programs must approve all course work used to satisfy major degree requirements.



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In addition:

- Courses taken as part of a second baccalaureate degree cannot be utilized to meet graduate degree requirements. Academic Programs may enforce specific time limits on courses taken prior to the second or subsequent degree.
- Excess course credit not used in the primary degree may be utilized in the second or subsequent degree.

Students admitted to the nursing program who have earned a baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education cannot be required to complete coursework beyond that which is unique and exclusively required for attaining the nursing degree, a baccalaureate of science in nursing.

EXHIBIT(S):

No exhibits.