



# CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS POLICY MANUAL

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## Minimum Characteristics of Majors

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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this policy is to bring SP 15-07 into alignment with the revisions of Title 5 Sections 40500 and 40501, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Degree Required Curriculum.

### **BACKGROUND:**

SP 15-07 requires students to complete 40 upper division units, based on outdated Title V regulations. The revised Bachelor of Arts Degree Required Curriculum (Title V Section 40500) requires a minimum of 24 units, including 12 units of upper division (UD) coursework. The revised Bachelor of Science Degree Required Curriculum (Title V Section 40501) requires 36 units, including 18 units of UD coursework. CI's required 9 units of upper division general education (UDGE) coursework is included in the 48 units of GE coursework required by the CSU Chancellor's office Executive Order 1100.

SP 15-06 Policy on Academic Minors addresses required unit counts for minors

**Applicability:** All CSU Channel Islands undergraduate students.

### **Policy Text:**

The Bachelor of Arts Degree Required Curriculum (Title V Section 40500) requires a minimum of 24 units, including 12 units of upper division (UD) coursework. The Bachelor of Science Degree Required Curriculum (Title V Section 40501) requires a minimum of 36 units, including 18 units of UD coursework.

All BA degree programs shall consist of no fewer than the prescribed 12 units of UD coursework, 9 units of UDGGE coursework, and shall require no fewer than 24 units from within the major.



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All BS degree programs shall consist of no fewer than the prescribed 18 units of UD coursework, 9 units of UDGE coursework, and shall require no fewer than 36 units from within the major.

All degrees shall include 48 units of general education coursework, per Executive Order 1100.

All degrees shall require a total of 120 units for graduation, which includes all major requirements.

UNIT REQUIREMENTS	Major	
	BA	BS
Total minimum units in the major	24	36
Minimum upper-division units in the major	12	18
Total General Education units	48	48
Upper-division General Education units	9	9
Other	72	84
<b>TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>