

Faculty Senate Routing Form  
(action/proposal attached)

I. Item Title: Resolution Establishing a Residency Requirement for Minor Programs

a) Brief Description: This resolution establishes the requirement that students have a minimum of 5 credit hours of coursework earned through regular enrollment in WCU to complete a minor.

b) Initiated by: Academic Policy and Review Council

II. Faculty Senate Action:  approved  not approved  other date: 10/13/2021

Comments: A proposed amendment to change "5 credit hours" to "one course" was voted on and did not pass. The vote on the amendment was a voice vote with 10 in favor, 14 opposed, and 5 abstentions. The vote on the resolution is given below.

Vote:  Voice Vote, Unanimous  Voice Vote, Majority In Favor  
 Electronic Clicker: 21Ayes 3Nays 5Abstentions

FS Secretary signature: Erin K. McNeilis date 10/13/2021

III. Provost:  for information  Recognition of Receipt  
 for action.....  approved  not approved

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Person responsible for Implementation: \_\_\_\_\_

Provost signature: [Signature] date 11/Nov21

IV. Chancellor:  for information  Recognition of Receipt  
 for action.....  approved  not approved

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Chancellor signature [Signature] date 11-1-21

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Others (i.e. person responsible for implementation)

## **APRC Resolution to Establish a Residency Requirement for Minor Programs – October 13, 2021**

WHEREAS a minimum of 25 percent of semester hours applied toward a bachelor's degree, including a minimum of 12 hours in the major field, must be earned through regular enrollment in Western Carolina University (WCU) junior-senior level courses, and

WHEREAS the catalog currently does not specify any credit hours applied towards fulfilling a minor be earned at WCU, and

WHEREAS students must have a 2.0 GPA in coursework to complete a minor, yet transferred courses do not contribute to a GPA in the minor, and

WHEREAS requiring a minimum of 5 credit hours of courses taken at WCU assures students will have more than one course from WCU that can contribute to the 2.0 GPA requirement, and

WHEREAS minors conferred by WCU and indicated on a transcript from WCU should include some courses from WCU,

BE IT RESOLVED the Academic Policy and Review Council (APRC) recommends the following changes be made to the university catalog:

## **General University Degree Requirements**

**To be awarded a bachelor's degree, the student must meet the following general requirements:**

1. Completion of a minimum of 120 semester hours to a maximum of 128 semester hours under requirements outlined for one of the degree programs.
2. A minimum GPA of 2.0 on all work attempted at Western Carolina University and on all courses in the major. **\*\* Students must have a 2.0 in coursework required to complete a minor and a minimum of 5 credit hours earned through regular enrollment in Western Carolina University courses.**
3. A minimum of 25 percent of semester hours applied toward a bachelor's degree must be earned through regular enrollment in Western Carolina University junior-senior level courses, including a minimum of 12 hours in junior-senior courses in the major field.
4. Fifty percent or more of the credits in the major presented for graduation on the junior/senior level unless the degree program being completed by the student is specifically exempted from the requirement.
5. Be enrolled at Western the intended graduation semester, or complete a Transient Permission Form.
6. To participate in a commencement ceremony, a student must be eligible for degree completion at the conclusion of that semester.

**\*\* See graduate catalog for graduate degree requirements.**

# College/Department Degree Requirements

[skipping sections on Majors and Concentrations]

**Minors.** A minor consists of a group of prescribed and elective courses in an academic discipline, two or more closely related disciplines, an interdisciplinary field of study, or a specially designed individual program. It differs from a major principally in requiring fewer courses (16-24 semester hours) and providing less depth. Students must earn a minimum of 5 credit hours through regular enrollment in Western Carolina University courses and have a 2.0 in coursework to complete a minor.

A student may not major and minor in the same field.