

Proposed Changes to Academic Regulations to Accommodate “90-Credit Bachelor’s”
Degrees at WSU – As Approved by the Academic Affairs Committee

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Proposal #3: Academic Regulation 53 – Admission to the Major. (Full text is available here: <https://registrar.wsu.edu/academic-regulations/>)

Current language:

The undergraduate major is the in-depth field of study leading to the degree and includes a set of core courses that has been approved by the academic unit offering the major, as well as by the college and the Faculty Senate. The major represents approximately one-third (40) of the credits required for the undergraduate degree, though some majors require a higher percentage of the total credits. While most majors lead to a degree that shares the same name, some majors lead to a degree with a broader title (e.g., an Accounting major leads to the Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration).

Discussion synopsis from AAC:

AR 53 states that the major represents approximately one-third (40) of the credits required for the undergraduate degree. If we are going to ensure rigor in the 90-Credit bachelor’s degrees, then these should also require 40 credits of courses in the major, the same as a 120-Credit bachelor’s degree.

Proposed change (redline):

The undergraduate major is the in-depth field of study leading to the degree and includes a set of core courses that has been approved by the academic unit offering the major, as well as by the college and the Faculty Senate. The major represents ~~approximately one-third (40)~~ at least 40 credits of the total credits required for ~~the an~~ undergraduate degree, for both 120-Credit bachelor’s and 90-Credit bachelor’s degrees. ~~, though some~~ Some majors require a higher percentage of the total credits in the major. While most majors lead to a degree that shares the same name, some majors lead to a degree with a broader title (e.g., an Accounting major leads to the Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration).

Proposed change (Clean copy):

The undergraduate major is the in-depth field of study leading to the degree and includes a set of core courses that has been approved by the academic unit offering the major, as well as by the college and the Faculty Senate. The major represents at least 40 credits of the total credits required for an undergraduate degree, for both 120-Credit bachelor's and 90-Credit bachelor's degrees. Some majors require a higher percentage of the total credits in the major. While most majors lead to a degree that shares the same name, some majors lead to a degree with a broader title (e.g., an Accounting major leads to the Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration).