

Graduate Council Resolution in Support of a Change to Credit Hour Requirement for Accelerated Master's Programs

Whereas, one requirement necessary to complete a Master's at SIU is "at least 21 hours of graduate coursework graded A, B, or C" (graduate catalog pages 8 and 9), and

Whereas, some of the new accelerated Master's programs are 21-hour graduate programs that utilize nine hours that are taken at the UG level and counted towards both degrees, and

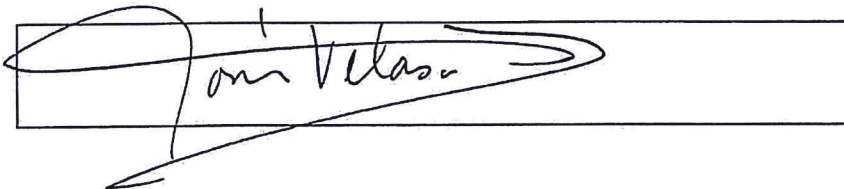
Whereas, some of these programs contain only 15 to 18 A, B, or C graded hours at the graduate level since they also include 3-6 credit-hours research courses that are graded S/U; and

Whereas, the 21 hours of 'A, B, or C graded' coursework requirement is now an issue for some of the Accelerated Master's programs, and potentially other accelerated Master's degrees in the process of being created.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Graduate Council approve the following revision to the catalog language by adding the sentence in bold:

At least 21 semester hours of graduate credit with grades of A, B, or C must be earned in courses graded A through F. **For accelerated master's programs, these 21 hours can include the 9 hours of undergraduate course work that are being counted toward the Master's degree.** An overall grade point average of at least 3.00 in all graduate work is required before the degree can be awarded.

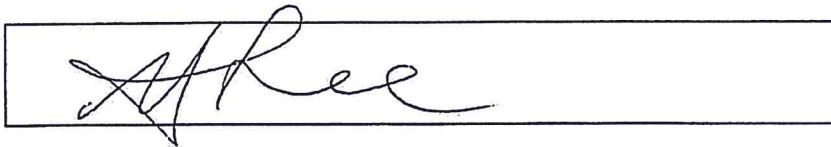
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Chair, Graduate Council

Nov. 9, 2017

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