



**Policy # 43306**

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## **GENERAL BACCALAUREATE DEGREE POLICY**

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**Effective Date:** May 30, 2019

**Responsible Office:** Office of the Registrar

**Division:** Academic Affairs

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### **I. PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE**

To ensure that all students satisfy the required baccalaureate degree requirements to be awarded a degree.

### **II. STATEMENT OF POLICIES**

- A. All students must complete all course requirements.
- B. All students must satisfy all required degree requirements as specified by the academic department.
- C. All students must complete all academic requirements in the General Education Program.
- D. All students must complete at least 120 credit hours of coursework contingent on the academic major.
- E. All students must achieve a passing score on examinations required for the chosen major.
- F. An academic degree program may have additional degree requirements.
- G. All students must complete the Rising Junior Examination (GET 300).
- H. All student must earn a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00.
- I. All students must earn at least 25 percent of the required credit hours for graduation in residence. The residence requirement may only be waived by the college dean for the declared major.
- J. To satisfy the grade point average requirement an adjusted grade point average may be used for graduation purposes only. The adjusted GPA uses the last grades earned in courses that have been repeated.
- K. To receive the baccalaureate degree at one of the University's commencement exercises a student must take the following steps:
  - a. Clear all financial obligations to the University prior to taking final examinations in the final term of enrollment
  - b. File an application for graduation in the office of the dean. This should be done at the time of registration in the last semester or summer session in which the candidate completes degree requirements. Each candidate must be recommended for graduation by the academic dean.

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- c. Be present for the commencement exercise unless written approval to be absent is given by the candidate's academic dean.
- L. Any student that has not been officially certified by the academic dean to be awarded a baccalaureate degree, will be unable to participate in commencement exercises.