UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK

TRANSMITTAL OF FACULTY SENATE LEGISLATION

Faculty Senate legislation is to be submitted to the chancellor to approve or disapprove within ten calendar days after the Assembly review period. The chancellor may approve or disapprove any Faculty Senate legislation within a period from the eleventh through the twenty-fifth calendar day after the Faculty Senate action has been presented to the Assembly, unless the Assembly has been petitioned to amend or rescind the Faculty Senate legislation. In the latter case, the chancellor's approval or disapproval shall be made no later than fifteen calendar days after the Assembly has voted on and failed to approve a motion to amend or rescind a legislative action of the Faculty Senate. The chancellor shall provide written reasons for disapproval to the Faculty Senate.

To the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock:

The following legislation passed the UALR Faculty Senate on 1-25-2019.

Be it resolved to modify policy 509.19 Graduate Credit Earned by Undergraduates (adopted in 2014 as FS_2014_6) as follows (underline indicates addition, strikethrough indicates deletion). Upon approval implementation of changes to policy 509.19 will be effective July 1, 2019.

Graduate Credit Earned by Undergraduates

4+1 Early Entry Program

Description: Exceptional UALR <u>and UAMS</u> undergraduate students may apply and be accepted to select graduate programs and begin working toward their graduate degree while completing their baccalaureate degree. The 4+1 early entry program will allow participating students to combine their undergraduate studies with related graduate-level work. Additionally, it will enable them to complete their graduate degree in a shorter amount of time than the traditional path.

Admissions Requirements:

- Undergraduate students may apply and be accepted any time after completing 75 or more hours of undergraduate coursework. However, at least 90 hours of undergraduate coursework must have been completed by the time the first graduate course is taken.
- All applicants must have at least a 3.2 overall GPA.
- All applicants must complete an application for and be accepted into the desired graduate program and the UALR Graduate School.
- All applicants must complete an Early-Entry Program form and have it approved by the
 graduate coordinator and the Graduate School. This form must be approved before the
 student begins graduate coursework. Failure to obtain prior approval negates the ability
 to "double count" courses. Specific programs may have more rigorous admissions

criteria. The student should contact the desired program to determine these requirements before applying.

Graduate Credit:

- Once accepted into a graduate program, students can take up to 12 hours of graduate coursework, which will count towards both the baccalaureate degree and the graduate degree. Individual graduate programs may allow fewer graduate hours to be taken at the undergraduate level; students should check with their prospective program to determine these limits.
- Students must finish their baccalaureate degrees before they complete 15 hours of graduate coursework.

Program Restrictions:

- To ensure that they follow the proper degree plan, students must meet with a graduatelevel advisor upon acceptance to the 4+1 program to map out the graduate courses they will take.
- Accepted students will have provisional status in the graduate program, pending the award of their baccalaureate degree.
- If, at the end of his/her baccalaureate degree, a 4+1 student has failed to meet the Graduate School admission requirement of a 3.0 overall undergraduate GPA with no grades below a B, she/he will be dismissed from the graduate program.
- Students accepted into the 4+1 program will be subject to the same policies as traditionally matriculated graduate students.
- The 4+1 program may not be used in conjunction with the credit reservation program; therefore, no graduate courses taken before admission to the 4+1 program may be applied to a graduate degree.

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(reasons to be attached)