

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 April 21, 2017.

**Be it resolved** to adopt the Double Counting of Graduate Credits Policy,

***Policy for Double Counting of UA Little Rock Graduate Credits***

This policy applies only to graduate degrees awarded solely at UA Little Rock. Other dual degree programs involving UA Little Rock and other campuses are not subject to this policy.

***TYPE OF DEGREE***

***Two Graduate Degrees in Distinct Disciplines (as determined by the program)***

No more than 12 graded semester credit hours (research hours will not be double-counted), subject to the following conditions:

- o Both degrees are completed within the time allowed.
- o Written approval of both graduate program coordinators.
- o Written approval of the Graduate School Dean.

***Master's or Specialist's Degree en route to Doctorate in the Same Discipline***

Upon recommendation by the graduate program, a doctoral candidate may earn a master's or specialist's degree in the same discipline, upon completion of the master's or specialist's degree requirements or upon the completion of specific requirements established by the program. The master's or specialist's degree may not be awarded retroactively. The candidate must apply for graduation by the appropriate deadline.

If a student has earned a master's or specialist's degree in the same discipline from another university, the student will not be awarded another equivalent master's or specialist's degree from UA Little Rock.

***Completed Master's or Specialist's Degree and Doctoral Degree***

All graded semester credit hours (research hours will not be double-counted) earned from a master's or specialist's degree awarded by UA Little Rock within the past seven years may be double-counted towards a doctoral degree. Policy is at the discretion of each graduate program. If either program prohibits double-counting, the prohibition applies to the other program as well. Contact the programs for more information.

**Completed Graduate Certificate and Graduate Degree**

All graded semester credit hours (research hours will not be double-counted) earned from a graduate certificate awarded by UA Little Rock within the past seven years may be double-counted towards a higher degree. Policy is at the discretion of each graduate program. If either program prohibits double-counting, the prohibition applies to the other program as well. Contact the programs for more information.

**Two Graduate Certificates**

Double-counting is not allowed.

Disseminated to University Assembly 4/24/2017 (date)

Faculty Senate President's Signature  Date 4/24/2017  
Andrew Wright

Received in chancellor's office on RECEIVED MAY 04 2017 (date)

Chancellor's Action:  
APPROVED Chancellor's Signature  Date 5/5/17  
Andrew Rogerson

DISAPPROVED Chancellor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(reasons to be attached) Andrew Rogerson