

# Reclassification of Undergraduate Academic Levels

## Policy Memorandum No. 171

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The University Council, on recommendation of the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies, unanimously approved a resolution concerning the determination of undergraduate academic levels.

Following is the text of the resolution as adopted by University Council.

**WHEREAS**, the current system for determining the academic level of undergraduate students based on the number of hours completed does not reflect the current graduation requirement level of many university curricula, and,

**WHEREAS**, the system for classifying undergraduate student academic levels must, by state regulation, reflect the credits required for the bachelors degree in the program with the lowest number of credits offered by the university, and,

**WHEREAS**, the number of credits required for academic level classification plays a role in the determination of a student's eligibility for financial aid and enrollment in certain restricted courses and, as such, should accurately reflect the student's progress toward a degree,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the levels for the determination of an undergraduate student's academic level be set at increments reflecting 25% of the total number of credits required for the bachelors degree based on a 120 credit minimum degree requirement; i.e., 30, 60 and 90 credits respectively for classification as a second, third and fourth year undergraduate students.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the effective date of these changes be effective beginning with the SPRING 1997 semester.

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President's Policy Memorandum

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