



Bachelors' Degree Exceptions to 120 Credit Hour Requirement Update

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Regulation 8.014



Exceptions to 120 Credit Hours



- ✓ Allows an institution to request a bachelor's degree program to exceed 120 credit hours to degree

Qualifying Criteria

Additional courses required for accreditation standards

Additional courses required for professional licensing

Degree program offers a unique & innovative learning experience

January 2024: Review of 120+ Credit Hour Programs



2024

98 programs with 120 credit exceptions

95 approved prior to 2015

3 approved between 2015-2020



List

Board staff generated a list of programs with exceptions & shared it with the institutions to consider the following:

Reducing Total Credit Hours to 120

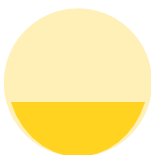
Program Actions



ACHIEVED

19

programs reverted to 120 total credit hours



IMPROVED

27

programs reduced total credit hours to align with other programs in the System, but still require more than 120 total credit hours



MAINTAINED

52

programs maintained the current total credit hours due to accreditation standards, state, or federal requirements, or to a unique learning experience



Improves System **uniformity & degree completion time**

Current Review of 120+ Credit Hour Programs



2024

There were **98**
programs with 120
credit exceptions



2025

There are **79**
programs with 120
credit exceptions

Program Profiles



Accreditation Standards

ARCHITECTURE

PERFORMING ARTS

EXAMPLES:
BFA Dance
BFA Dramatic Arts
Vocal Performance

Unique Learning Experience

ENGINEERING

**TEACHER
EDUCATION**

EXAMPLES:
Chemical Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Music Teacher Education



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