



# 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 **52**  
programs with 120  
credit exceptions

# Program Profiles



## Accreditation Standards

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**ARCHITECTURE**

**PERFORMING ARTS**

**EXAMPLES:**  
BFA Dance  
BFA Dramatic Arts  
Vocal Performance

## Unique Learning Experience

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**ENGINEERING**

**TEACHER  
EDUCATION**

**EXAMPLES:**  
Chemical Engineering  
Electrical Engineering  
Music Teacher Education



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