



Reduced Credit Hour Degree Overview

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Purpose

Shorten time to completion, reduce student costs, & support faster workforce entry

State Policy Landscape

5 states have initiatives or legislation supporting reduced credit hour bachelor's degrees



Arizona



Massachusetts



Minnesota



Ohio



Utah

Examples of Approved Programs at Public Universities



Institution	Program Title	State	Accreditor	Credits
Northern Arizona University	Bachelor of Professional Studies in Engineering Technology	AZ	HLC	90
Northern Arizona University	Bachelor of Professional Studies in Hospitality Business Administration	AZ	HLC	90
Weber State University	Accelerated Bachelor's in Applied Politics	UT	NWCCU	90-91
Utah Valley University	Bachelor of Applied Studies in Emergency Services	UT	NWCCU	90

Florida Bachelor's Degree Requirements



		Statute	Regulation
Minimum credits	Not exceed 120 credit hours	1007.25	6.017
General Education	36 credit hours	1007.25 1007.55	6.017 8.005
Civics	3 credit hours & exam	1007.25	6.017 8.006
AA Transfers	Guaranteed admission of AA graduates to the System	1007.23	8.007

Board Approval of Programs & Actions



**BOT
Approves**

Bachelor's Programs

Doctoral Programs

Master's Programs

Specialized Admission
120 hrs Exception

Suspensions
Terminations
CIP Changes

**BOG
Approves**

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Criteria for Board to Consider



Curriculum & Quality

- Maintain the rigor of coursework
- Align with high-demand workforce priorities



Transparency

- Clarify program designation
- Communicate post-graduation opportunities



Program Approval

- Follow requirements in statute & regulations
- University BOT approval
- BOG approval



Accreditation

- Substantive change approval
- Program approval

Anticipated Timeline





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