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Minimum Class Size Policy

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An undergraduate course will not normally be given for fewer than fifteen students at the lower division and twelve at the upper division except by permission of the chancellor. Except by permission of the Dean of the college offering the course, undergraduate courses at the lower-division level will not normally be given for fewer than fifteen students and undergraduate courses at the upper-division level will not normally be given for fewer than twelve students. The university reserves the right to cancel, postpone, or combine classes when necessary.

Rationale:

Under the university’s new budget model, college deans are in the best position to determine whether offering a low-enrollment course represents a wise use of human and financial resources.

In addition, if we are making changes to the policy, this provides us with an opportunity to clean up the policy’s grammar. The adjectives “lower-division” and “upper-division” apply to courses, not students.

Proposal:
Clarify the definition of Catalog Year

Academic Policies and Procedures
General Requirements for a Bachelor’s Degree
(first paragraph)

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, requires a minimum of 120 credit hours to earn a bachelor’s degree. Students choosing to pursue two degrees simultaneously must complete at least 30 hours in addition to the total hours required for one bachelor’s degree. These additional hours apply only to those seeking a second degree and not to students who simultaneously pursue a second major, concentration, or minor. To receive a bachelor’s degree, a student must also complete all of the requirements listed below.

To receive a bachelor’s degree, a student must satisfactorily complete all requirements for the curriculum for which the student is enrolled. These requirements are described in the portion of this Catalog devoted to the college or school offering the curriculum. A student must also satisfactorily complete the Volunteer Core requirements, which are described in the Volunteer Core section of this Catalog.

As an undergraduate student prepares to graduate, their completed coursework will be compared with the curricular and Volunteer Core requirements listed in the student’s graduation Catalog. Ordinarily, this will be the student’s entry Catalog, which is the Catalog associated with the catalog year corresponding to the student’s entry into UTK as a degree-seeking student. (A catalog year is defined as the list of semesters and terms associated with a given edition of the Undergraduate Catalog, beginning with Fall semester and ending with Summer term. For example, the 2022-2023 catalog year consists of the following terms: Fall 2022, Winter Min-Term 2023, Spring 2023, Mini-Term 2023, Summer 2023). A student may choose a graduation Catalog that is more recent than the student’s entry Catalog. The following regulations apply to the choice of graduation Catalog (regardless of whether or not the graduation Catalog is or is not the entry Catalog):

- The graduation Catalog must correspond to the catalog year at the time of graduation or to one of the preceding five catalog years. For example, a student graduating in Fall 2022, Spring 2023, or Summer 2023 may graduate under the requirements of one of the six Catalogs corresponding to catalog years 2017-1018 through 2022-2023, but may not graduate under the requirements of
any Catalog prior to catalog year 2017-2018. Any exception to this regulation must be approved by the Office of the University Registrar after consultation with the Dean of the college in which the student is enrolled.

- The student must have been enrolled in UTK coursework as a degree-seeking student during the catalog year corresponding to the graduation Catalog. For example, a student choosing the 2022-2023 Catalog as their graduation Catalog must have been enrolled in UTK coursework as a degree-seeking student during the Fall 2022, Winter Min-Term 2023, Spring 2023, Mini-Term 2023, or Summer 2023. Exceptions to this regulation are as follows:
  - An undergraduate student who completes an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Fine Arts, or Associate of Science in Teaching degree at a Tennessee community college and subsequently enrolls as a degree-seeking student at UTK is allowed to choose a graduation Catalog corresponding to any catalog year associated with the student’s period of enrollment at the community college.
  - An undergraduate student who participates in the Volunteer Bridge program and subsequently enrolls at UTK is allowed to choose a graduation Catalog corresponding to the catalog year associated with the student’s period of enrollment in the Bridge Program at Pellissippi State Community College.

Curricular requirements and Volunteer Core requirements may change from one catalog year to the next. Students should note the “Purpose of the Catalog” section listed on the Catalog home page.

If a course appears in a student’s entry Catalog or graduation Catalog, but the course is discontinued in future Catalogs, the University is under no obligation to offer the course after it has been discontinued.

For a student attempting to complete multiple simultaneous degrees, attempting to complete multiple simultaneous majors or concentrations, or attempting to complete one or more minors in addition to a major, a single graduation Catalog must be used to establish curricular requirements for all components of the program (degrees, majors, and minors) sought by the student.

Any adjustments to published curricular requirements for a student must be approved, through the college petition process, by the college in which the student’s academic program is located. Any adjustments to published Volunteer Core requirements for a student must be approved by the Volunteer Core Committee through the Volunteer Core petition process. Students should work with their academic advisor on any such potential petition requests. Approved petitions will be recorded for students by both their home college and the office of the University Registrar.

- Complete satisfactorily all requirements of the curriculum for which the student is enrolled, as described in the portion of this catalog devoted to the college or school offering the curriculum, and the Volunteer Core Requirements, as described in the Volunteer Core section of this catalog. Curricular requirements change frequently and students should note the caution on the catalog home page. A student is allowed to satisfy requirements for a bachelor’s degree under any curriculum in effect during the student’s attendance at UT Knoxville provided the curriculum has been in effect within six years of the date of graduation. A student who complete a Tennessee Transfer Pathway is permitted to graduate using any UTK catalog in effect during the student’s enrollment at the community college, provided that the UTK catalog has been in effect within six years of the date of graduation from UT. A student in the Volunteer Bridge Program is permitted to graduate using any UTK catalog in effect during the student’s enrollment beginning with the fall term of their Bridge year at Pellissippi State Community College provided the UTK catalog has been in effect within six years of the date of graduation from UT. This does not obligate the university to offer a discontinued course. Programs may be adjusted by the student’s advisor and college dean in consultation with the Office of the University Registrar.

To receive a bachelor’s degree, a student must also complete the following requirements:

- Achieve a grade point average of at least 2.0 on all work attempted at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Incompletes and Not Reported grades must have a letter grade prior to graduation.
Etc., etc., etc. as in current UG Catalog text.

**Rationale:**
We would like to revise the language in the Undergraduate Catalog surrounding available catalogs for students. The primary location for this information is in the “General Requirements for a Bachelor’s Degree” section ([https://catalog.utk.edu/content.php?catoid=34&navoid=4710#gene_requ_bach_degr](https://catalog.utk.edu/content.php?catoid=34&navoid=4710#gene_requ_bach_degr)). Our goals are to expand access for transfer students completing 2-year degrees from Tennessee institutions, create an avenue for exceptions to extend the life of catalog requirements if appropriate for a student, and to clarify overall language due to different applications and understanding of the current published policy by various advising units and operational offices.