

**Shaun Bowler, Graduate Division Dean  
REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION  
8/14/2020**

**To Be Adopted**

**Proposed Changes to GR5.4**

**PRESENT**

**GR5.4** Transfer from UCR Extension - Students may transfer up to 8-units of UCR Extension concurrent enrollment credit.

Students must have taken these units before their enrollment as a graduate student. Matriculated graduate students (including students on Leave of Absence) may not enroll in course work through UCR Extension without the Graduate Dean's approval. Graduate students who withdraw before completing their program objectives may then take courses through UCR Extension, but are required to wait one year before applying those courses to their degrees. Grades from UCR Extension will be recorded on UCR transcripts. If a student transfers 8-units from UCR Extension, they are eligible to transfer an additional 8-units from an outside institution.

**PROPOSED**

**GR5.4** Transfer from UCR Extension - Students may transfer up to 8-units of UCR Extension concurrent enrollment credit. Students may transfer up to 8-units of UCR Extension concurrent enrollment credit. Up to 12 units are permitted to be transferred if taken prior to Fall 2021.

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**Statement of Purpose and Effect:**

Currently the rule is that students can transfer at most 8 units from extension classes to satisfy requirement for a graduate degree e.g. MS

I am requesting that we lift this restriction for AY 20/21 in line with the suggestion of the BCOE Executive Committee (memo dated July 24 2020)

The justification for the request is related to Fall 2020 likely being on-line instruction rather than in-person as well as on-going interruptions to international travel, and is mostly an issue of relevance to MS students who pay their own tuition (i.e. are an important source of revenue as well as being an integral component to the graduate student population).

Programs are facing especially great challenges recruiting international students in this current situation. It seems likely that many international students who wish to attend UCR may not be able to enter the US. The provision of on-line courses is a response to this situation. But cost is a concern - especially for MA/MS students who pay their own tuition. For international students and out of state students this means they will be asked to pay tuition + NRT for an on-line experience.

Programs - especially those in BCOE - are concerned that this cost will be a serious deterrent to student enrollment (see, for example, their July 24 memo)

If students are allowed to take on-line Fall courses via Extension then their fees for that quarter will be much lower. Students can then transfer units over to the program when (we think) in-person instruction resumes in January. In this way, enrollment can be maintained.

An 8 unit cap, however, means students cannot transfer in a quarter's full load of credit and so will extend time to degree (and cost).

Submitted by Shaun Bowler, Graduate Dean (8/14/2020)

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Approvals

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction finds the wording to be consistent with the code of the Academic Senate:

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Received by Executive Council:

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*Academic Senate*

August 12, 2020

To: Shaun Bowler  
Dean, Graduate Division

From: Dylan Rodriguez   
Chair, Riverside Division

CC: Kara Oswood  
Academic Affairs Director, Graduate Division

**Re: Proposed Regulation Change: Graduate Division Regulation GR5.4 for Fall 2020**

Dear Shaun,

I am writing to provide the Academic Senate committee consultation on the proposed regulation change. The Executive Council did not wish to add further comment, and instead encourages attention to the feedback offered by the BCOE Executive Committee. I trust this input will aid the next steps in the revision of the proposed regulation change.

Peace  
dylan



*Academic Senate*

**COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION**

July 14, 2020

To: Dylan Rodriguez  
Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Xuan Liu, Chair  
Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Re: [Campus Review] Proposed Regulation Change: Graduate Division  
Regulation GR5.4 for Fall 2020

The Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion reviewed Proposed Regulation Change: Graduate Division Regulation GR5.4 for Fall 2020 and supports the request.



**GRADUATE COUNCIL**

July 29, 2020

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Jason Stajich, Chair  
Graduate Council

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Stajich".

**Re: [Campus Review] Proposed Regulation Change: Graduate Division  
Regulation GR5.4 for Fall 2020**

Graduate Council reviewed the proposed change to Graduate Division Regulation GR5.4 for Fall 2020. The Council was supportive of the proposal.




## *Academic Senate*

### **COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JURISDICTION**

July 28, 2020

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Nael Abu-Ghazaleh   
Chair, Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

**Re: Graduate Division Regulation GR5.4 for Fall 2020**

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction reviewed the request regarding GR5.4 and approves of the language to allow 12 transferable units from UCR Extension during Fall 2020. However, for consistency, the language in the second paragraph that references 8 units should be revised to 12 units: "If a student transfers **12**-units from UCR Extension, they are eligible to transfer an additional **12**-units from an outside institution."



## *Academic Senate*

### **COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**

July 20, 2020

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Maryjo Brounce, Chair *Maryjo Brounce*  
Committee on University Extension

**Re: Proposed Changes to Graduate Division Regulation GR5.4**

The Committee on University Extension reviewed the proposed changes to Graduate Division Regulations GR5.4 and are supportive of the changes.

July 24, 2020

TO: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair  
Academic Senate

CC: Shaun Bowler, Dean  
Graduate Division

Jason Stajich, Chair  
Graduate Council

FROM: Philip Brisk, Chair  
BCOE Executive Committee

RE: Proposed Changes to Graduate Division Regulation GR5.4

Dear Dylan,

On behalf of BCOE, I would like to thank the Senate for taking the initiative to consider this temporary change to Graduate Division Regulation GR5.4, and acknowledge Dean Bowler's support. The proposed change will have a major impact for international Graduate Students in BCOE M.S. and Ph.D. programs who will matriculate in Fall 2020. These students will benefit significantly from the allowance to take additional remote graduate courses offered by BCOE programs through UCR Extension concurrent enrollment and to count them toward satisfaction of their degree requirements.

BCOE respectfully requests that the Senate consider the following revision to the language for the proposed change to Graduate Division Regulation GR5.4:

- GR5.4 Transfer from UCR Extension - Students may transfer up to 8-units of UCR Extension concurrent enrollment credit. Up to 12 units are permitted to be transferred if taken prior to Fall 2021.

Our justification for this request is based on the following rationale:

- The political and pandemic situation are both unlikely to resolve in the short-term, so looking beyond Fall 2020 is essential.
- Feedback from admitted students suggests that a great many do not expect to join during Winter 2021; understandably, many have requested to defer enrollment to Fall 2021.
- BCOE would like to keep students engaged by encouraging them to take classes remotely. Realistically, most students would struggle with full-time enrollment of 12 units taken remotely in a single quarter; remote learning is a unique and stressful experience, especially considering that many of our international students presently live in countries that are many time zones away (e.g., in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East).
- BCOE plans to advise admitted students who defer to Fall 2021 to take one remote course per quarter. BCOE believes that doing so will increase their commitment to coming to UCR where they can get the courses transferred; conversely, this option seems most likely to reduce melt among students who have understandably opted for a deferral.

Thank you very much for your support, and for considering our proposed revision to the change. The vast majority of BCOE M.S. and Ph.D. students are international and, consequently, BCOE is likely to be more impacted by this proposed change than any other School or College. According to current projections, BCOE will account for 50% of the international graduate students in UCR's incoming cohort for Fall 2020.



**SHAUN BOWLER, GRADUATE DIVISION DEAN  
REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION  
6/30/2020**

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**PROPOSED**

**GR5.4** Transfer from UCR Extension - Students may transfer up to 8-units of UCR Extension concurrent enrollment credit. In Fall 2020 only, 12 units are permitted to be transferred if taken during that quarter.

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**Statement of Purpose and Effect:**

Currently the rule is that students can transfer at most 8 units from extension classes to satisfy requirement for a graduate degree e.g. MS.

I am requesting that we lift this restriction for Fall 2020 (and only for that quarter).

The reason for the request is related to Fall 2020 likely being on-line instruction rather than in-person as well as on-going interruptions to international travel, and is mostly an issue of relevance to MS students who pay their own tuition (i.e. are an important source of revenue).

Programs are facing especially great challenges recruiting international students in this current situation. It seems likely that many international students who wish to attend UCR may not be able to enter the US. The provision of on-line courses is a response to this situation - but cost is a concern - especially for MA/MS students who pay their own tuition.

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However, an 8 unit cap means students cannot transfer in a quarter's full load of credit and so will extend time to degree (and cost).

I do want to emphasize that this request has a time limit. The reasoning behind the cap is to limit the ability of students to take a graduate degree via extension. This seems entirely appropriate concern and so any relaxation of the limit be confined to the Fall 2020 quarter.

In short, I support the request from programs to raise the 8 unit cap to 12 units transferred from Extension for graduate degrees, for Fall 2020.

Submitted by Shaun Bowler, Graduate Dean (6/30/2020)

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Approvals

Approved by the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_: (Insert date of committee approval)

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction finds the wording to be consistent with the code of the Academic Senate: (leave blank)

Received by Executive Council: (leave blank)