

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

To Be Adopted

Proposed Changes to Graduate Division Regulation 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. In Fall 2020 only, 12 units are permitted to be transferred if taken during that quarter.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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)

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)