

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I

COMMUNITY COLLEGES POLICY

UHCCP # Academic Residency Requirements for Graduation

(date approved)

I. Purpose

The purpose of the policy is to facilitate and promote degree completion across the University of Hawai'i Community Colleges by standardizing academic residency requirements for graduation.

II. Related University Policies

Executive Policy, E5.209, University of Hawai'i System Student Transfer and Inter-campus Articulation.

III. Policy

- a) To graduate with a degree from a University of Hawai'i Community College, a/the student must have earned a minimum of 12 credits of program courses in the degree/major from that college.
- b) Colleges may not impose additional academic residency requirements for graduation with a degree.

IV. Responsibilities

Exceptions to the policy, to reduce the number of required credits, may be made on a case-by-case basis by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, or designee, in consultation with the appropriate campus personnel, at the degree-granting college.

This policy rescinds any college-specific graduation residency policy.

Frequently Asked Questions on Residency for Graduation

1. Does this policy apply to all degrees or only the Associate in Arts?

It applies to all degrees awarded by the college.

2. Does this policy mean that if a student has taken 12 credits in my program, I must accept any other credits they want to transfer in?

No, the policy only requires a college to accept in transfer those credits that they would otherwise accept in transfer. If you offer a unique course (not available from any other college) the policy does not require you to accept & substitute another course from another institution.

3. What is meant by a program courses in the degree/major?

In Career and Technical Education programs/majors, a program course is one specific to the major as opposed to support courses. The faculty in the program control the content of the course. In General and Pre-Professional Programs (e.g. Liberal Arts, Natural Science, or Teaching), all courses applicable to the degree are degree/major courses.

4. Does the policy limit the courses that I can require for my program?

No, the policy does not limit your curriculum.

5. Does the policy require me to accept courses in transfer that I would not otherwise accept?

No, equivalent courses are determined by your regular transcript/ transfer evaluation process.

6. Can I require a minimum of 20 credits rather than 12 credits be taken at my college, in my program?

Additional residency requirements may not be imposed.