

# ***UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I***

## ***COMMUNITY COLLEGES POLICY***

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### **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***

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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.*