

D - New/Revised Academic Policy : Entry # 2144**Today's Date**

08/31/2022

Your Name

ROSS ROBERTS

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Accounting & Finance

Please select the appropriate school overseeing this proposal:

Business

Is this proposal connected to any other proposals currently being submitted? If so, please describe below.

No.

Is this submission in response to a "revise and resubmit" decision on a previous proposal?

No

Is this policy new or a revision to an existing policy?

New

Please provide a 200 word summary of the new or revised policy:

Accounting majors who are not transfer students will only be allowed to take a maximum of 8 credit hours of upper-level accounting courses (3000 and 4000 level) at institutions outside of High Point University. Any exceptions must be approved by the department chair.

Please describe the rationale for this new or revised policy:

There has been a recent trend for some Accounting majors to add minors that require them to take courses over the summer to complete all required work in a usual 4 year timespan. The policy will prevent students from taking all the courses for the added minors here at HPU, while taking their accounting courses at other institutions during the summer. Students often perceive these summer courses offered at other institutions to be less difficult than the corresponding course at HPU. Therefore students have begun attempting to take this route simply to avoid taking the courses at HPU, that the student believes will be more difficult. The accounting faculty believes the result of this trend is that students graduate with a degree in accounting from HPU, that does not reflect the HPU content and standard of learning.

What Academic Divisions, University Officers, stake-holders or Programs are involved in, or affected by, this addition or change? Who enforces the policy? Which University departments or constituencies need to be informed of this change and publish this policy?

This only affects the accounting major. It can be enforced by the chair, as the chair is required to approve the substitution of the courses from other institutions. If enforceable by the registrar that would be great, but not sure if the capability is there.

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We want to make sure our accounting students graduate with an extraordinary education and limiting how many of these vital courses the students can take at another university helps us assure that their accounting education is what the department would classify as extraordinary. Given that most of our majors will be taking the CPA exam upon graduation, we have even more of an incentive to guarantee that the students receive certain content at a certain depth.

Does the policy require an interim or transition plan, or can it be implemented immediately?

No.

Please attach complete policy and any supporting documents.

- [8-hour-ACC-policy.pdf](#)

For Deans:

Does this proposal connect solely to programs in a single school (Intra-Collegiate), or does it have connections to broader university programs and requirements (Inter-Collegiate)? Note that all proposals connected to University Academic Programs or within the General Education should be considered Inter-Collegiate proposals.

Intra-collegiate

Does this policy fit the needs of the school/program/university?

Yes

Comments justifying this determination?

HPU Mission

The mission of High Point University is to deliver educational experiences that enlighten, challenge, and prepare students to lead lives of significance in complex global communities.

HPU Mission

To prepare our students to become tomorrow's business professionals.

Students should not be avoiding the upper level accounting classes that challenge and prepare students to become tomorrow's accounting professionals.

(DEAN) I approve/deny this policy proposal for further advancement

Approve

Today's Date

09/01/2022

For the School Curriculum Committee:**Does this policy fit the needs of the school?**

Yes

(EPC) This committee approves/denies advancement of this policy proposal

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Approve	
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