

Summary of Proposed Academic Standards Changes

Ouachita Baptist University

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The faculty **approved** this academic standards change at a faculty meeting on April 28, 2015.

Credit by examination	<p>Change the number of hours of credit by examination that may be counted toward a four-year or two-year Ouachita degree.</p> <p>The current 24 credit hours which may be counted toward a degree are assumed to represent 2 academic semesters of 12 credit hours each. Because of the Arkansas Academic Challenge scholarship, the standard course load for Ouachita four-year degree students is now 15 credit hours per semester. Our proposal would increase the number of credit hours by examination which may be counted toward a degree accordingly, to represent 2 academic semesters of 15 credit hours each.</p> <p>The two-year degree requires approximately half the total number of credit hours of a four-year degree—at least 61 credit hours for a two-year degree compared to at least 120 credit hours for a four-year degree. Thus, we propose that two-year degree students be allowed to count half the number of credit hours by examination toward the degree as four-year students (15 credit hours compared to 30 credit hours).</p> <p>We generally support the acceptance of credit by examination since these examinations are standardized.</p> <p>Catalog Description <i>(Note that while the total number of credit hours changes, the number of credit hours that may be counted toward a major or minor in a four-year degree does not.)</i></p> <p><u>Residential</u> (offering four-year degrees): The total credit by examination which may be counted toward a degree may not exceed 30 hours, and not more than 9 of these may be counted in the major, nor 6 in the minor.</p> <p><u>Ouachita Online</u> (offering two-year and four-year degrees): The total credit by examination which may be counted toward a four-year degree may not exceed 30 hours, and not more than 9 of these may be counted in the major, nor 6 in the minor. The total credit by examination which may be counted toward a two-year degree may not exceed 15 hours, and not more than 6 of this may be counted in the concentration.</p> <p><u>OBU@NLC</u> (offering two-year degrees): The total credit by examination which may be counted toward a degree may not exceed 15 hours, and not more than 6 of these may be counted in the concentration.</p>
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