

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

Academic Senate

Resolution on Establishing Program Currency Requirements Policy

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RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends to the President that academic programs be allowed to establish currency requirements for their major's courses limiting the number of years that a course can be counted towards the degree. In accordance with Title 5, all courses taken within seven academic years of the date of graduation will be considered current for purposes of the major. Programs may identify specific courses that will not be considered current if they were completed eight or more academic years from the date of graduation. Year limits may be waived by the department with documentation of currency using established methods (e.g., exam, portfolio, review of resume and work experience, etc.). Currency requirements must be published in the HSU Catalog to be applied.

***RATIONALE:** Currently, there are no limits on how long an undergraduate course can count for graduation in a major. Today, a student can complete a course in a major, leave for twenty years and return with the right to count the course in meeting the requirements of the major. While this may be reasonable for particular courses, it may not be appropriate to award a degree in a fast changing field when such courses are out of date.*

This policy is permissive: it allows programs to establish appropriate time limits that a major's course can be counted towards the degree, but does not require programs to do so. In addition, programs are allowed to establish criteria and procedures for establishing currency, allowing otherwise out of date courses to satisfy major requirements. The policy will be implemented by the Office of the Registrar.