

EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE TO FACILITATE GRADUATION
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Those parts of the current General Education Policy (<http://www.sfsu.edu/~ugs/gep.htm>) that are in conflict with this University Directive are suspended. A number of these provisions are consistent with discussions and recommendations emanating from the Graduation Requirements Task Force as well as the Facilitating Graduation Requirements Task Force. This University Executive Directive will remain in effect until the new General Education policy is approved by the Academic Senate and implemented by the campus.

1. Allow unlimited double-counting between Segment I and Segment II General Education courses and major requirements.

Current General Education Policy F05-64: A maximum of 12 semester units, used in fulfillment of SFSU's General Education requirements, may also be used in fulfillment of requirements for a major and/or program requirements as submitted on the approved Application for Graduation. This practice is referred to as "duplicate use." While the duplicate use of GE courses and units may be used in fulfillment of both General Education requirements and requirements in a major, the units for these courses shall be counted only once toward fulfillment of the minimum units required for award of the baccalaureate degree (i.e. BA, BM or BS).

2. Allow students to meet Segment I and Segment II GE within the major, even for non-GE courses. Departments should send a request for this option to Undergraduate Studies, indicating which courses within GE are met by major courses. Students will receive the GE credit upon completion of the degree.

Current General Education Policy F05-64: See above.

3. At least 6 units of Segment III must be completed within the same cluster. Of the total 9 units in Segment III, one course must meet CESD.

Current General Education Policy F05-64: Underlying Principles of the GE Segment III Requirements. Segment III is SFSU's 9-unit, upper division general education residence requirement. This component of our program is designed to promote an appreciation of the interrelationships among knowledge, skills, and values... These goals are achieved by a thematic, internally cohesive, and interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary cluster of courses.

4. Upon completion of Segment I and a total of at least 30 units of Segment I and Segment II GE, students may take Segment III courses for GE credit.

Current General Education Policy F05-64: SFSU undergraduate students must complete a minimum of 9-units of upper-division course work in residence at SFSU in a single GE Segment III cluster during or after the semester in which they achieve upper division standing (i.e. 60 semester units)... Each of the four GE Segment I-Basic Subjects courses must be completed before students may register for GE Segment III courses.

5. Apply the same GE pattern for freshmen who begin their studies at SF State, and for transfers. The freshmen student General Education pattern will be eliminated, and all students will follow the existing transfer pattern for Segment II General Education with the exception that freshmen must satisfy the AERM requirement.

New Segment II General Education Pattern:

1. In each Segment II Area (i.e., PBS, BSS, and HCA), students must complete a minimum of nine units, but are not held to completion of the specific category requirements within each Segment II Area, except as required in the Physical and Biological Sciences Area (i.e., students must take one course from Category A and one from Category B in PBS).
2. Within each Segment II Area, students must select courses from at least two different departments. That is, at least three units of the nine-unit minimum must have a different departmental prefix.
3. Within Segment II, students must complete one course that is designated as fulfilling the Lifelong Development (LLD) requirement. Students who begin as freshmen at SF State must satisfy the AERM requirement. While transfer students are not required to complete the American Ethnic and Racial Minorities (AERM) requirement, they are encouraged to select courses that address this important area. Students must complete a minimum of 27 units in Segment II. Students on the six-unit system pattern for the Physical and Biological Sciences Area must make up any unit deficiencies in this Area by selecting additional course work in Segment II.

6. Maximum of one major unless you can complete two and/or a minor/certificate within 120 units.

There is no current policy that restricts students to one major.

- 7. Students may not change majors after they have accrued 96 units. Students who enroll as freshmen must declare a major by the time they have accrued 70 units. Transfer students must declare a major by the end of their first semester.**

There is no current policy that restricts change of major. The statement above with regard to declaring a major is current policy but has not been strictly enforced. It is important to now enforce this policy.

- 8. Restrict students to a maximum of 16 units/semester until the final week of the add period when they may add up to 19 units, or submit a petition for an excess of 19 units.**

There is no current policy that restricts students to a maximum of 16 units after final priority registration.

Approved by:

Signed Robert A. Corrigan, President

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Date