GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
Baccalaureate Degree Requirements Policy

I. Purpose: This policy establishes general minimum requirements for the Baccalaureate Degree. Upon approval of the Provost, colleges and/or individual programs may establish additional published requirements beyond those listed.

II. Requirements: In order to graduate with a bachelor's degree, a student must meet the following minimum university degree requirements.

   a. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours.
   b. Complete a minimum of 40 upper division credit hours, including any upper division transfer credit accepted toward the degree requirements. In rare circumstances, a program may have a minimum of fewer than 40 upper division credit hours. Program exceptions must be in compliance with Illinois Board of Higher Education policy, be reviewed and recommended by the appropriate Faculty Senate committees, and be approved by the President.
   c. Satisfy Policy 51, University General Education Requirement.
   d. Satisfy Policy 28, Residency Requirements Policy.
   e. Satisfy the policy on Junior Seminar and Undergraduate Capstone Requirements.
   f. Satisfy Policy 48, Writing Across the Curriculum.
   g. Degree Seeking – First Year Students, as defined in Policy 34, are required to complete Mastering College: Navigating Higher Education.
   h. Demonstrate all degree requirements have been met as defined by the student's study plan approved in the college, including removal of all incompletes (I and E) and missing (M) grades.
   i. Be in good academic standing.
   j. Meet all financial obligations to the university.
   k. Complete the collegial and university procedures that cover implementation of the above requirements.

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