

MEMORANDUM

TO: Amy Nielsen, Executive Secretary
Faculty Senate

FROM: Becky Bitter, Registrar's Office

FOR: Academic Affairs Committee

DATE: 11 September 2019

SUBJECT: Proposal to Revise Rules 38, 106, 111; and to Eliminate Rule 42

On April 11, 2019, the Faculty Senate approved a revision to the university certification requirements for the major as codified in Rule 53. In the revised rule, the term "certification" is replaced by the new terminology "admission to the major."

As a result, many academic regulations will need to be revised to reflect the new terminology. At its meeting on September 10, 2019, AAC approved the first of these proposals submitted to them by the Rule 53 working group, requesting revisions to a series of rules.

The following rules have been revised in keeping with the new terminology and to clarify the text in one case (for Rule 111.e). AAC also agreed with the working group's assessment that Rule 42 is obsolete and is submitting that to the senate for consideration as well.

At this time, Faculty Senate review and approval is recommended, to be effective fall 2020.

38. Academic Probation and Recess for At-Risk Students

(a) Undergraduate students whose semester (excluding summer session) or cumulative grade point average drops below a 2.0 for the first time must apply for reinstatement to continue their enrollment at Washington State University. Students are placed on probation after reinstatement. ~~Certified majors on academic probation may be decertified by the academic department.~~ Academic departments may release students from the major who are on academic probation. See rule 53.

(b) First-time, first-year undergraduate students are recessed from the University after their first term of enrollment if their semester grade point average is below 1.0. Individuals are recessed from the university for one full semester (Fall or Spring). To reenroll for courses offered through any WSU campus students must apply for reinstatement. Recessed individuals may not seek status as a non-degree seeking student. Recessed students may enroll in summer session.

Working group note on why AR 42 is obsolete: It's not just Nursing and Pharmacy that have "more stringent requirements..." The rule on being admitted to the major states that academic departments may hold students to a higher set of requirements, and like any requirements these would come through the usual curriculum review process. Working group recommends deleting this rule.

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Students enrolled in professional programs (e.g., clinical courses in nursing) that involve human health care may be subject to more stringent requirements in grading, repeating course work, and retention provided the more stringent requirements are approved through Faculty Senate channels and are published and are made available to students prior to certification. Students are referred to the nursing and pharmacy offices for specific requirements.

106. UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION FOR DEGREE

Students may apply for their undergraduate degrees online as soon as they have completed 90 credits and are certified in admitted to the major. Advisors and the students' major department are responsible for checking that all departmental requirements are met through the advisement report / degree audit. A graduation fee must be paid at the time of application. See <http://graduations.wsu.edu/> for further information.

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neither oblige a student to enroll in more than a normal complement of credit hours in any semester nor prolong the time necessary to complete degree requirements.

b) Current students whose certification in admission to the major or minor is more than eight years old may be required by the department to re-certify in the major or minor in order to meet current degree requirements. This may in some cases prolong the time necessary to complete the degree.

c) Former students who must reapply and be readmitted to WSU will need to contact the department where they wish to be admitted as a major since their prior status is not maintained. ~~be admitted as non-certified regardless of their prior certification status.~~ These students will be eligible to be admitted to the major recertify, on a space-available basis, when they meet the current requirements for certification set by the department.

d) Students who apply to graduate and who have not attended WSU for six or more years will need approval from their major department to complete the degree in the major in which they were previously certified admitted. In some cases, these students may be held to more current requirements which may prolong the time necessary to complete the degree. Students may choose to seek certification in a different major without being readmitted to the university in order to earn a degree.

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