

Memo

To: WOU Faculty Senate
From: WOU Academic Requirements Committee
cc: Laurie Burton Faculty Senate President
Date: April 21, 2016
Re: Academic Major Requirements Change

Academic Requirements Committee Has come to a consensus regarding a proposal to change rules regarding the construction of majors. Below is the proposed rule language for consideration by the faculty senate. The language was vigorously discussed and we feel positive regarding the statement. If this statement passes faculty senate it will be incumbent on the senate to solicit a due date from Curriculum Committee for program changes for next year.

For each major offered at WOU the responsible department/division must show a pathway that would allow students who start at WOU, and make no significant changes in program to graduate with no more than 180 credits. The individual departments/divisions can choose either BA or BS; i.e., they do not have to prove both degrees total 180 or less. The pathway must include the major, hidden prerequisites, achieving the 62 upper division credit requirement, LACC/Gen Ed requirements, any other university course requirements for the student, and allocate 27 credits for a minor of which 12 must be upper-division. If the total of credits required for the major, along with all other requirements, is in excess of 180 that department must submit a degree change reducing the number of hours in their major.