

**REVISION OF BOARD STATUTE REGARDING LIMITATION ON CREDIT TAKEN BY  
EXAM**

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the revision of BOG Code Annotated section 2.43.11.070 to eliminate the limit on the amount of exam credit earned by way of Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and Credit by Special Examination.

**Background**

Beginning in December 1988, Wayne State has limited the amount of exam credit that could be counted towards degree to 32. At that time, there were approximately 16 Advanced Placement tests available. Currently, there are over 30 AP tests available and International Baccalaureate options have increased in many school districts. The College Board has also recently announced the development of new AP courses for Computer Science that could impact about 1,500 students in Michigan schools.

AP test credits are by far the most common examination credits earned by our students. As a whole, since 2009, 7,939 students received credit through AP, IB, and/or CLEP. Of those, 271 students exceeded the 32 credit hour limitation and 41 of those students chose not to register at Wayne State at all.

Based on a review of the public universities in Michigan, Wayne State and Grand Valley are the most restrictive in the limiting of this type of credit to 32 credits. Oakland University has a limit of 60 credit hours. University of Michigan – Ann Arbor allows each individual college to set limits. The remaining public universities have no limit on these types of credit.

Eliminating the limit on the amount of exam credits that are accepted will benefit our high achieving incoming students by saving tuition dollars and decreasing their time to graduation. Eliminating the limit will also help our recruiting strategy, as our policies would be more in line with other state universities. As Wayne State already has a 30 credit hour residency requirement, and exam credits do not count towards residency, students will still be required to complete their major course work at Wayne State University.

It is important to note that credit earned by examination counts as earned credit, and will therefore affect the student's classification as freshman, sophomore, etc. and tuition assessment.

**Current BOG CA Section 2.43.11.070**

Credit Limitations:

- a. Credit by special examination may not be counted as residence credit, but such credit, if earned during a semester in which the student is registered for a regular course(s), will not be considered an interruption of residence.
- b. Not more than 32 semester hours earned through one or more of the following programs will apply towards graduation: taken by credit by College-Level Examination Program, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Credit by Special Examination, or other

credit earned for a course in which the student has not been regularly enrolled in a University course.

- c. Not more than 16 credits by Special Examination may be earned in any one subject.
- d. Not more than 64 credits transferred from a two-year institution may be applied toward graduation. The degree limitation of no more than 64 credits transferred from two-year institutions may be modified by the President or his/her designee in some cases where articulation agreements for specific programs make this appropriate, the schools or colleges involved support the agreements, the departments involved provide justification for and also support the agreements, and the Policy Committee of the Academic Senate has been consulted on the change.

**Proposed BOG CA Section 2.43.11.070**

**Credit Limitations:**

- a. Credit by special examination may not be counted as residence credit, but such credit, if earned during a semester in which the student is registered for a regular course(s), will not be considered an interruption of residence.
- b. There shall be no limit to the number of credit hours earned through one or more of the following programs: College-Level Examination Program, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Credit by Special Examination.
- c. Not more than 16 credits by Special Examination may be earned in any one subject.
- d. Not more than 64 credits transferred from a two-year institution may be applied toward graduation. The degree limitation of no more than 64 credits transferred from two-year institutions may be modified by the President or his/her designee in some cases where articulation agreements for specific programs make this appropriate, the schools or colleges involved support the agreements, the departments involved provide justification for and also support the agreements, and the Policy Committee of the Academic Senate has been consulted on the change.

**Approvals**

This revision has been approved by the Provost.