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**EXISTING RULE:**

14.7 The undergraduate student must complete all undergraduate course work attempted at Texas A&M University with at least a 2.00 grade point ratio.

14.8 The total number of grade points earned at this institution in courses must be at least twice the number of hours that the student carried in courses at this institution. Grades of F, WF and U shall be included.

14.8.1 The number of credit hours associated with grades of S in courses taken on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis are not included in this computation.

14.8.2 The number of credit hours associated with grades of U in courses taken on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis are included in this computation.

14.8.3 For undergraduate students only, grades in courses not applying to the degree may be waived for the purposes of graduation only by the student's dean.

14.8.4 The waiver of grades in courses as indicated in section 14.8.3 will not affect the student's official grade point ratio or entitlement to graduation with honors.

14.8.5 The provisions of section 14.8.3 will not affect a student's probationary status prior to graduation.

14.8.6 Grade(s) excluded under the First Year Grade Exclusion Policy may affect the grade point ratio (GPR) calculation and the number of semester credit hours applied to a degree plan. Please refer to section 10.10.1.

14.9 The undergraduate student must complete all undergraduate course work attempted in a student's major field at Texas A&M University with at least a 2.00 grade point ratio. A list of courses included in the "major field" is available in the department office.

14.10 Grades made in courses elected in excess of a student's degree requirements shall be counted, but if failed, such courses need not be repeated.

14.11 Students must satisfy all requirements of the University Core Curriculum as specified under their catalog.

14.12 The student must be formally recommended for graduation by the Faculty Senate.

14.13 Graduate students are referred to the appropriate section of the Graduate Catalog regarding degree requirements.

14.14 The student must have settled all financial obligations to the university.

14.15 Graduate and undergraduate students who plan to attend a commencement ceremony must do so the semester they apply for graduation and complete their degree requirements.

14.16 Undergraduate Minors:

A minor is a concentration of courses that focus on a single area or an interdisciplinary perspective developed by the department or program that offers the minor. The department or program offering the minor is responsible for setting enrollment limits and deciding which courses are used to meet the minor. Coursework consists of 15-18 hours with a minimum of 6 in residence at the 300-400 level.

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14.16.1 If a minor is offered by a department or academic unit, then the minor is considered to be available to all students as resources permit. The academic advisor in the major-granting department will add the minor for the student on SIMS. In some cases, approval by the advisor of the minor-granting department is required before the minor is added by the advisor in the student's major.

14.16.2 Substitutions in a minor can be initiated by either the major- or minor-granting department, but must be approved by both departments.

14.16.3 Students must declare a minor no later than the date on which they apply for graduation.

14.16.4 A maximum of two minors can be completed by students.

14.16.5 A minor is displayed on the transcript after graduation but is not displayed on the diploma.

**RULE WITH PROPOSED CHANGES:**

*(No changes to 14.7 – 14.86 listed above to give context)*

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**14.9 When a student repeats a C, D, F, or U in a course for the major, the higher grade of the attempts will be used to calculate the GPA in the major for degree audit requirements only.**

*(No changes to 14.10 – 14.15 listed above to give context)*

14.16 Undergraduate Minors:

A minor is a concentration of courses that focus on a single area or an interdisciplinary perspective developed by the department or program that offers the minor. The department or program offering the minor is responsible for setting enrollment limits and deciding which courses are used to meet the minor. Coursework consists of 15-18 hours with a minimum of 6 in residence at the 300-400 level.

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**JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:**

The text about grades in majors reflects how the grades will be tallied in the degree audit process. It does not preclude other specific requirements for majors and minors that are more rigorous. It reflects current practices for most majors and minors.

The text in regards to minors is parallel to the text for majors.

**COMMENTS:**

- Submitted on behalf of AOC Deans.
- Passed by Rules and Regs on January 16, 2009
- If passed will take effect Fall 2009.
- Faculty Senate amended proposed rule on March 9, 2009 in the following manner:
  - Add "for degree audit requirements only" at the end of 14.9
- Approved by Faculty Senate on 3/16/2009.
- Approved by President Murano on 4/7/2009. Will go into effect Fall 2009.

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