

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
(Final; Action)

EP.24.012 Establishing Minimum Hours for Undergraduate Concentrations

Background

A concentration is a specialized area of focus within a major field of study and is recognized on a student's transcript. The Graduate College has a policy that a graduate concentration must consist of a minimum of 12 graduate hours of coursework at the 400- and 500-level. Currently, however, the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign does not have a set minimum hour for undergraduate concentrations.

In reviewing the other two universities in the University of Illinois System, the [University of Illinois Springfield \(UIS\)](#) defines Undergraduate Concentrations as "a minimum of nine or more hours that a student may take as part of a degree program." Similarly, the [University of Illinois Chicago \(UIC\)](#) defines concentrations as "a minimum of three related courses (a minimum of nine or more hours) that a student may take as part of a degree."

Recommendation

In its statutory role of establishing general standards for all campus degrees and programs, the Senate should adopt the following policy for all undergraduate concentrations:

The minimum number of hours required for an undergraduate concentration is nine credit hours that a student may take as part of a degree program.

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