

Request Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) to Readdress Bachelor Degree Program Requirements

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WHEREAS, The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) at its June 2016 meeting adopted requirements that require a minimum of 40 upper division units and 9 upper division general education units for bachelor's degrees granted by the California Community Colleges resulting in the most proscriptive policy in the country for baccalaureate level education;

WHEREAS, the recommendation of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges and the Board of Governors that 24 units of upper division and 6 units of general education were more appropriate for the variety of programs of study;

WHEREAS, Students enrolling in the California Bachelor degree programs are seeking Bachelor's level degrees to provide professional advancement in areas with demonstrable industry need in programs of study that require significant lower division preparation to enroll in upper division courses similar to typical science and engineering programs of study;

WHEREAS, Healthcare and other career education associate degree programs require a high number of units in meeting competency, external accreditation requirements, and national credentialing/licensing exams for entry to the profession and other systems of higher education with different regional accreditors do not adhere to ACCJC's requirements without sacrificing quality or rigor;

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges engage the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) to readdress the minimum thresholds of upper division units for Bachelor degree programs to reflect the variety of curricular designs required by different programs of study.