

Academic Affairs Charge 10

AA 10 - Review Policy D05.1 for possible revision to remove the upper credit boundary.

This charge specifically refers to D05.1.IV.B

Excerpting the relevant section from the policy

D05.1 ACADEMIC ACTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

I. DEAN'S LIST

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II. ACADEMIC PROBATION AND SUSPENSION

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III. GRADUATION WITH HONORS

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IV. OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLAR AWARD

One of the traditional concerns of colleges and universities is with the definition and recognition of excellence. The Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar Award has been established to recognize excellence in academic achievement by students. Those selected to receive the award are designated RIT Scholars in perpetuity. The achievement is noted on the Scholar's transcript and recognized through a specially designed medallion symbolic of high academic achievement. The awards are presented at a special convocation held prior to the end of each academic year.

The procedure for the selection of award winners is:

A. Maximum number of students eligible

1. The maximum number of recipients of the award in any year will not exceed one (1) percent of the full-time equivalent enrollment of each college in the preceding fall term.
2. It is the intent of this policy that each college will be permitted to nominate at least one student for the award although the college may choose not to do so.
3. It is the intent of this policy that transfer students and part-time students will be eligible to receive the award.
4. It is the intent of the policy that generally the award be limited to those registered at RIT during the fall term. However, students identified by a college as not currently enrolled, but who are actively pursuing completion of degree requirements, can be added to the list of candidates.

B. Minimum University Requirements

1. **Must have completed 83-128 credit hours of work, of which not less than 45 hours must be in RIT grade-bearing courses. {emphasis added}**
2. Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.85 for all work completed at the university as of the previous spring term.

C. Selection Process

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V. Selection Committee

The dean of each college (or the director for any program that falls outside the college structure that grants undergraduate degrees) will appoint a committee of faculty not to exceed five members, including the dean or designee, from that college. The committee will invite a person from outside the college to serve on the committee.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICE:

Office of the Provost and the Academic Senate.

For inquiries, please contact:

EFFECTIVE DATE:

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POLICY HISTORY:

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An inquiry was made to Sue Provenzano as to what purpose the upper boundary served. Her response was:

“There really isn’t an advantage to having the upper boundary. It was in the policy to ensure that only eligible undergraduate students would be pulled from the system. But we quickly realized that for BS/MS programs, it created the opposite issue by not pulling eligible students because of the number of credits they had earned even if they were still undergraduate students. This was also the case for students who had transfer or AP credit. The Registrar’s Office had to sometimes run two lists in order to be sure no eligible students were missed. They can pull the list using undergraduate status as a parameter so they are in favor of removing the upper boundary.”

We move to change D05.1.IV.B.1 to read:

1. Must have completed a minimum of 83 credit hours of work, of which not less than 45 hours must be in RIT grade-bearing courses.

From the current:

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