

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Proposal 23-10 (Voting Units: Academic)

AMENDMENT OF PROPOSAL 11-01 "REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION (BOARD OF CONTROL POLICY 8.5)"

1. Introduction

Senate Proposal 11-01 established residency requirements for graduation with a baccalaureate degree from Michigan Tech. Proposal 11-01 was approved by the Board of Control as their Policy 8.5 Requirements for Graduation. There is no Board policy establishing residency requirements for graduate degrees.

Residency requirements for graduate students have been part of the Graduate Catalog for decades, but are not formal university policy. This proposal amends the Requirements for Graduation, to establish current graduate requirements as formal policy approved by the Faculty and by the Board of Control.

2. Amendment of Proposal 11-01

Proposal 11-01 is amended by insertion of the underlined italicized wording:

8.5. Residency Requirements for Graduation

The residency requirements for a student to receive a baccalaureate degree from Michigan Technological University are the following:

- a. Thirty of the last 36 semester credit hours of academic work to be applied to the degree must be completed at Michigan Technological University. Study abroad and co-op credits earned through Michigan Tech may be included in this 30 hours of Michigan Tech courses if the student has completed 30 credit hours of courses at Michigan Tech among the last 60 credit hours to be applied to the degree.
- b. Thirty semester credit hours of advanced level courses (3000 or higher) must be completed at Michigan Tech.

The residency requirements for a student to receive a graduate degree from Michigan Technological University are the following:

- a. A minimum of two-thirds of the required non-research course-work credits required for the degree must be taken through Michigan Tech.*
- b. Research credits used to satisfy degree requirements must be taken through Michigan Tech and must be supervised by a member of Michigan Tech graduate faculty.*
- c. Some graduate degree programs may have other specific requirements.*

Courses which meet the "at Michigan Tech" requirement are defined as courses listed in the course catalog and taught by Michigan Tech faculty either on campus, at field locations, or through distance learning.

The President or the President's designee, the Provost, is authorized to grant exceptions to these requirements in extraordinary individual cases.

Degree programs with *other* special requirements may apply for exemptions. The President or the President's designee, the Provost, may grant such programmatic exemptions upon recommendation of the Senate.

3. Proposal 11-01 as Amended

The amended text of Proposal 11-01 will read as follows:

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- b. Thirty semester credit hours of advanced level courses (3000 or higher) must be completed at Michigan Tech.

The residency requirements for a student to receive a graduate degree from Michigan Technological University are the following:

- a. A minimum of two-thirds of the required non-research course-work credits required for the degree must be taken through Michigan Tech.
[Ph.D. students must take at least 20 credits beyond the masters or 50 credits beyond the bachelors through Michigan Tech.](#)
- b. Research credits used to satisfy degree requirements must be taken through Michigan Tech and must be supervised by a member of Michigan Tech graduate faculty.
- c. Some graduate degree programs may have other specific requirements.

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Senate Introduction: 31 March 2010
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