

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Proposal 53-20
(Voting Units: Academic)

Revision to Board Policy 7.2 (Senate Policy 408.1)

In-Residence Credit Requirements for Graduation

Proposal Rationale:

The requirement that 30 of the last 36 credit hours be completed at Michigan Tech creates an unnecessary barrier for students who would otherwise be eligible to earn a Michigan Tech degree. The requirement that students complete 30 upper-level credits from Michigan Tech is sufficient to ensure that students earning a Michigan Tech degree have met the standards of rigor and educational quality expected from our graduates.

Proposed Changes:

Board Policy 7.2 / Senate Policy 408.1

The requirement for a student to receive a baccalaureate degree from Michigan Technological University is:

1. Thirty (30) semester credit hours of advanced level courses (3000 or higher) which apply to the degree must be completed at Michigan Tech.

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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Some graduate programs may have other specific requirements.

Courses which meet the "at Michigan Tech" requirement are defined as courses that were taken as part of a university-approved study abroad program or as courses that

are 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 Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs is authorized to grant exceptions to this requirement in extraordinary individual cases.

Degree programs with special requirements may apply for exemptions. The President or the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs may grant such programmatic exemptions upon recommendation of the Senate.