



**INTERNAL MEMO:**

**To:** University Senate, Registrars Office, and Provost Office

**Date:** June 3, 2020

**From:** Sarah Schulte, Secretary for the Board of Trustees

**Subject:** Revision to Board Policy 7.2 Requirements for Graduation

The Board Policy 7.2 has been approved by the University Senate and was sent to the Board of Trustees for final approval on May 20, 2020. The Board of Trustees approved Policy 7.2 Requirements for Graduation. Below is the updated policy. Please share with your stakeholders and update your documentation.

Sincerely,

Sarah Schulte, General Counsel  
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## 7.2 Requirements for Graduation

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

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 the following:

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 Vice President for Academic Affairs may grant such programmatic exemptions upon recommendation of the Senate.

### History

- 04/15/1966
- 01/28/1982
- 01/28/1989: Revised positions authorized to grant exceptions
- 03/17/1989: Clarified type of degree
- 05/17/1991: Revised in-residence work program
- 08/03/2000: Reflect the change in academic calendar from quarters to semesters
- 05/11/2001: Revised to provide a common standard of residency for all Michigan Tech baccalaureate degrees whether completed on campus or through distance learning.
- 07/15/2010: Was previously Policy 8.5. Renumbered and modified power to grant exceptions.
- 04/29/2016: Clarified "in-residence" courses and thirty credit hours at an advanced level toward degree program.
- 5/20/2020: Removed requirement that 30 of the last 36 hours must be completed at Michigan Tech to obtain degree.