

## Proposed change to align K-State transfer credit policy with KBOR policy changes and other Regents universities

### Background/History:

**Context:** To bolster community college enrollment and college affordability in Kansas, KBOR voted in [May 2023](#) to change a rule that alters the definition of a bachelor's degree. Students earning a bachelor's degree at a KBOR institution are no longer required to complete 60 credit hours at a 4-year school. This change means that students are able to transfer up to 75 credit hours of coursework from community colleges to a Regents institution to apply toward a bachelor's degree. Students still need to complete 45 credit hours of upper-division coursework, which can only be taken at a 4-year school.

While the ***KBOR policy does not require but allows us to accept up to 75 credit hours***, both the University of Kansas and Wichita State University did align with the new policy last year. In Fall 2024, KU saw a 6.9% increase in KS Resident New Transfers while K-State saw a -6.8% decline. Because there were no other changes in transfer student recruitment or scholarships, it is likely that some of that change was due to their change in acceptance of transfer hours. To stay competitive with Kansas peer institutions and grow enrollment with transfer populations, a policy change is needed.

**Description of Change:** This policy change aligns University Handbook F121 University Degree Requirements with KBOR policy and ***allows the transfer of up to 75 credit hours without a transfer articulation agreement in place***. This will also require a change to the degree audit.

### **F121 Current K-State Policy**

#### **University Requirements:**

Up to half of the credits required for a normal four-year degree may be completed at an accredited two-year college (e.g., sixty (60) transfer credits for a one hundred and twenty (120)-credit hour bachelor's degree program). Colleges/Departments may have transfer agreements in place that would allow for an exception to exceed the sixty (60) semester credit hours in transfer towards a baccalaureate degree [{KBOR Policy Manual, Chapter III, Section A\(9\)\(ii\)\(2\)\(d\)}](#).

#### **Proposed Change to K-State Policy:**

No more than seventy-five semester hours may be transferred as credit from a community college in accordance with the definition of a baccalaureate degree in [KBOR policy Ch. 3, Section 9b part ii \(2\)](#)

### **Handbook "Track Changes" F121-University Requirements**

No more than seventy-five hours may be transferred as credit from a community college in accordance with the definition of a baccalaureate degree in KBOR Policy Ch. 3, Section 9b part ii (2).

No more than twenty-five percent (25%) of credit hours applied to degree requirements may be from Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) sources. CPL may include standardized national exams, recognition of military or workforce training, or portfolio assessment (e.g., thirty (30) credits of CPL for a one hundred and twenty (120)-credit hour bachelor's degree program) {per HLC requirements.

