

**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**ACADEMIC RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR**  
**DEGREE PROGRAM**

**I. PURPOSE**

This policy establishes residency requirements for baccalaureate and graduate degrees awarded by GSU.

This policy has been revised to align with the Policies of the Higher Learning Commission.

**II. DEFINITIONS**

A. Residency is the minimum number of credits that have to be taken at GSU.

**III. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS**

- A. All undergraduate degree-seeking students working on their first baccalaureate degree are required to earn a minimum of 30 credit hours of coursework from GSU prior to the award of the degree.
- B. Second baccalaureate degree-seeking students are only required to complete a minimum of 24 hours of coursework from GSU prior to award of the degree.
- C. All graduate degree-seeking students are required to earn a minimum of 24 credit hours of coursework from GSU prior to the award of each degree sought.

**IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

This policy was based on the Higher Learning Commission Policy on Assumed Practices (Number: CRRT.B.10.020).

**V. RESPONSIBLE PARTY**

The Office of the Provost is responsible for establishing procedures under this policy.

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