

Exhibit
BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY MANUAL
Revised Policies with Markup
Meeting of August 13, 2026

I. Revisions to Board of Regents Policy Manual, Section 03.08.01 General

Background:

In response to workforce demand and national trends, the Board approved that USG institutions work jointly with USG Academic Affairs to develop reduced-credit Bachelor of Applied Science degrees, consisting of 90–120 credit hours. Guidelines for establishing such programs, including alignment with high-demand career areas and a focus on workforce competencies, will be added to the Academic and Student Affairs Handbook, in addition to the approved Board Policy language below.

Questions regarding these revisions should be directed to Dr. Ashwani Monga, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer. Dr. Monga may be reached at ashwani.monga@usg.edu.

Effective Date:

The effective date of this policy revision is August 13, 2026.

Former Policy Language:

03.08.01 General

The faculty shall recommend to the president of the institution the candidates for degrees that the institution has been authorized by the Board to confer. A record of all degrees awarded shall be filed in the office of the Registrar of the institution conferring the degree.

Absent the approval of the USG chief academic officer, no degree program shall exceed the following credit hours, exclusive of physical education activity/basic health or orientation course hours that the institution may require:

1. Associate degrees shall consist of 60 credit hours;
2. Bachelor's degrees shall consist of 120 credit hours;
3. Nexus degrees shall consist of 60 credit hours; and
4. Master degrees shall consist of 30 credit hours

Revised Policy Language in Change Tracker

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2. Bachelor of Applied Science degrees shall consist of 90-120 credit hours;
3. All other Bachelor's degrees shall consist of 120 credit hours;
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New Policy Language

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II. Revisions to Board of Regents Policy Manual, Section 03.08.04 Bachelor Degrees

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Former Policy Language:

03.08.04 Bachelor Degrees

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degrees are comprised of general education and designated major of study requirements. Bachelor degrees consist of 120 credit hours and have a coherent program of study. Bachelor degrees are subject to Board of Regents and USG policies on comprehensive program review and all applicable accreditation standards for a distinct program of study. Bachelor degrees beyond 120 credit hours require the approval of the USG chief academic officer.

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Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) degrees are comprised of general education and academic courses aligned with specialized disciplines that address workforce needs. The B.A.S. degree shall consist of 90-120 credit hours and is subject to Board of Regents and USG policies on comprehensive program review and all applicable accreditation standards for a distinct program of study.

New Policy Language

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