

1 SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY
2 Academic Senate
3 Curriculum and Research Committee
4 April 9, 2018
5 First Reading
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AS 1695

8 **POLICY RECOMMENDATION**
9 **Amendment A to F88-9**
10 **BA/BS Differentiation and Definition**
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13 Legislative History: F88-9 defines the total number of units required for the Bachelor of
14 Arts and the Bachelor of Science degrees as 124 and 132 respectively. Title 5 Section
15 40508 states the BA/BS degrees require no fewer and no more than 120 semester
16 units.

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18 Whereas: F88-9 defines the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree as requiring a total of 124
19 semester units, and
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21 Whereas: F88-9 defines the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree as requiring a total of
22 132 semester units, and
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24 Whereas: a revision to the California Code of Regulations Title 5 Sections 40508,
25 40500 and 40501 mandate that as of AY 2014-15 both BA and BS
26 degrees require no fewer and no more than 120 semester units, therefore
27 be it
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29 Resolved: That while Title 5 Sections 40508, 40500, and 40501 remain in force, F88-
30 9 be amended as follows:

31 Bachelor of Arts

32 The degree designation Bachelor of Arts is reserved for undergraduate programs
33 primarily intended to provide the student with a balanced liberal arts education, with
34 general knowledge in a recognized discipline or interdisciplinary field of study, and with
35 such fundamental intellectual capacities as reason and judgment. The degree is
36 characterized by breadth (i.e., opportunities for electives outside the major) and
37 flexibility. The Bachelor of Arts must consist of ~~at least 124~~ **no fewer and no more than**
38 **120** units, 40 of which must be upper division; the major requires a minimum of 24 units,
39 12 of which must be upper division.
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43 Bachelor of Science

44 The degree designation Bachelor of Science is reserved for undergraduate programs
45 which provide the same general knowledge and intellectual capacities as the Bachelor
46 of Arts degree and which, in addition, provide scientific, technical, or professional
47 competence. The Bachelor of Science ~~may~~ **must** consist of ~~up to 132~~ **no fewer and no**
48 **more than 120** units, 40 units of which must be upper division; the major requires a
49 minimum of 36 units, 18 of which must be upper division.

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51 Rationale: F88-9 defines two undergraduate degree designations, the Bachelor of Arts
52 and the Bachelor of Science. The unit totals defined in F88-9 required for each degree,
53 124 semester units for the BA degree and 132 semester units for the BS degree, are no
54 longer consistent with revisions to Title 5 ([§ 40508. The Bachelor's Degree: Total Units](#))
55 which limit both BA degrees ([§ 40500. Bachelor of Arts Degree: Required Curriculum](#))
56 and BS degrees ([§ 40501. Bachelor of Science Degree: Required Curriculum](#)) to 120
57 semester units.

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59 Approved: 4-4-2018

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61 Vote: 12-0-0

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63 Present: Anagnos, Bacich, Buzanski, Cargill, Chung, Heil, Jensen, Matoush,
64 Rodan, Schultz-Krohn, Stacks, Trulio

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66 Absent: De Guzman

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68 Workload Impact: None anticipated

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70 Financial Impact: None anticipated