

7 **Policy Recommendation**

8 **Amendment A to University Policy S14-9, Guidelines for**
9 **Concentrations**

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11 Whereas: [Executive Order 1071](#) indicates that “an option, concentration, or special
12 emphasis (or similar subprogram) must constitute less than one half of the
13 units required in the major program”, and

14 Whereas: An [FAQ](#) was created for EO1071 that clarifies some of the language in the
15 EO, and

16 Whereas: University policy S14-9 stipulates that concentrations at both the
17 undergraduate and graduate level “must have at least 30% similarity”;
18 therefore, be it

19 Resolved: That the following amendment be adopted to replace Section I.A, I.B, and
20 IV.B to bring university policy S14-9 into compliance with EO1071.

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23 Vote: 10-0-0
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30 Workload Impact: A temporary increase in workload at department, college, and
31 university level for curriculum committees, chairs, associate deans
32 and Undergraduate Studies office staff as programs become
33 compliant.

34 Financial Impact: None anticipated

36 ~~I. Curricula Requirements for Concentrations~~

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38 A. Undergraduate Degrees

39 ~~1. Concentrations within a degree program must have at least 30%~~
40 ~~similarity in the preparation for the major among the base major and all~~
41 ~~concentrations in the degree program.~~

42 ~~2. Concentrations within a degree program must have at least 30%~~
43 ~~similarity in the core courses among the base major and all concentrations~~
44 ~~in the degree program.~~

45 ~~3. Concentrations within a degree program must have at least 30%~~
46 ~~similarity in the major's courses among the base major and all~~
47 ~~concentrations in the degree program.~~

48 ~~4. At least 10% of the units for the degree must be a unique set of~~
49 ~~requirements for that concentration.~~

50 1. Options, Concentrations, Special emphases or other similar
51 subprograms represent less than 50 percent of the major requirements
52 within a degree program. Major requirements may include preparation for
53 the major.

54 2. At least 12 units for the options, concentrations, special emphases
55 or other similar subprograms must be a unique set of requirements for the
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B. Graduate Degrees

~~1. Concentrations within a degree program must have at least 30% similarity in core coursework requirements for the master's degree among the base major and all concentrations within the degree, not including culminating experience (project, portfolio, or 299) units.~~

1. Options, Concentrations, Special emphases or other similar subprograms represent less than 50 percent of the major requirements within a degree program.

2. At least 8 units for the options, concentrations, special emphases or other similar subprograms must be a unique set of requirements for the degree.

IV. Existing Concentrations

A. The Office of Undergraduate Studies and ~~Graduate Studies & Research~~ College of Graduate Studies will evaluate existing concentrations (those approved in Spring 2014 or earlier) to determine whether they conform with the curricular requirements of Section I.

~~B. For existing concentrations that fail to conform with the curricular requirements of Section I, the college curriculum committee and Dean must inform the Offices of Undergraduate Studies or Graduate Studies & Research by the end of the Fall 2016 semester whether they approve of the existing concentrations being "grandfathered" in. If the college curriculum committee and Dean do not approve the concentration, it will be discontinued.~~

B. For existing options, concentrations, special emphases or other similar subprograms that fail to conform with the curricular requirements of Section I, the department will bring those programs into compliance by the start of the next program review process.