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**Amendment A to University Policy F88-9, BA/BS
Differentiation**

Legislative History:

On April 9, 2018, the Academic Senate approved the following policy recommendation presented by Senator Schultz-Krohn for the Curriculum and Research Committee. University Policy F88-9 defines the total number of units required for the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science degrees as 124 and 132 respectively. Title 5 Section 40508 states the BA/BS degrees require no fewer and no more than 120 semester units. Amendment A to F88-9 brings the language in our policy into compliance with Title 5, Section 40508.

**Approved and signed by
President Mary A. Papazian on
April 26, 2018.**

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Policy F88-9
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- Whereas: F88-9 defines the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree as requiring a total of 124 semester units, and
- Whereas: F88-9 defines the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree as requiring a total of 132 semester units, and
- Whereas: a revision to the California Code of Regulations Title 5 Sections 40508, 40500 and 40501 mandate that as of AY 2014-15 both BA and BS degrees require no fewer and no more than 120 semester units, therefore be it
- Resolved: In compliance with Title 5 Sections 40508, 40500, and 40501, F88-9 shall be amended as follows:

Bachelor of Arts

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

Bachelor of Science

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

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

Approved: 4-4-2018

Vote: 12-0-0

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

Absent: De Guzman

Workload Impact: None anticipated

Financial Impact: None anticipated