Proposed Amendments to Title 5: Blended Academic Programs

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Blended Programs
Bachelor + Master Degrees

• Developed with campus leaders
• Flexibility to double count up to 12 units
• Expanded access to fields where master’s degree is required
Proposed Change to Title 5
Section § 40510

Up to 12 semester units may be double counted for both the bachelor’s degree and the master’s degree so that the total number of units may be 138 semester units provided that:

• None of the required graduate classes is replaced by an undergraduate class

• The graduate classes that are also counted toward the bachelor’s degree either assume the more rudimentary knowledge taught at the undergraduate level or cover the content of the undergraduate courses that they replace.

Program Benefits

• Cost savings
• More pathways to in-demand fields
• Diversity in graduate programs and workforce
• Increased skilled workforce and state competitiveness
From Title 5 to Campus Policy

Title 5 Revision (Trustees) → CSU Policy Revision (Graduate Deans, CSUCO Staff) → Campus-based Policy Revision (CSU faculty shared governance process)

Next Steps

- Board vote on Title 5 change
- Chancellor’s Office provides revisions to academic policy
- Ongoing program development by faculty and approval via Academic Master Plan process
- Strategic communications to raise awareness of programs