Proposed Amendment to Title 5: Blended Academic Programs

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Traditional Programs

Program A

Program B

Program C

Consistent Undergraduate Experience

Master’s Degree

Blended Programs

Master’s Degree
Blended Programs
Bachelor + Master Degrees

- Currently minimum 150 units to complete both degrees
- Propose allowing up to 12 units to count twice, resulting in 138 units

Supporting Students

- Increased affordability
- Accelerated time to degree
- Reduced administrative barriers
- More pathways to in-demand fields
Supporting California

- Increased access to graduate programs
- Increased skilled workforce and state competitiveness
- Increased enrollment

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.