

BLS (Bachelor of Liberal Studies) Committee Minutes

October 3rd, 2025

Committee members present: Robert Wells (chair), Sarah Smith (secretary), Leo Lee, Prashant Chandrasekar, Bridgette Dennett

Ex officio: Ana Chichester

Student representative:

Absent members: Kristen Fairbanks, Daniella Schweyer, Evan Fletcher

Meeting was called to order 3:05 pm

The only agenda item was to discuss the feedback from the [motion](#) we proposed for the UFC meeting on 9/17/25. The motion did not pass and it was suggested by UFC that the BLS committee just entirely delete rule #14 for BLS [graduation requirements](#) for both pre and post Fall 2020 matriculation requirements. UFC felt that the policy is more fully explained on the “[repeating a course](#)” in the catalogue and the information was redundant.

A member of BLS reached out to the registrar for guidance on this matter. The registrar suggested that the requirement stay on the [BLS graduation requirements page](#), but the language for rule #14 for BLS students instead be:

14. No more than 7 repeated courses (~~for courses in which the original grade was~~ **repeats are permitted only in courses in which the original grade was** C-, D+, D, F, or FA). ~~Only 2 repeats per semester.~~

This change in language would now match the [BA/BS/BSED graduation requirements](#) language for #10 in the pre-2020 requirements and #11 in the post-2020 requirements:

11. No more than 7 repeated courses (repeats are permitted only in courses in which the original grade was C-, D+, D, F, or FA).

Discussion:

The committee discussed the merits of the suggestions from both UFC and from the registrar. While the [repeat policy](#) is stated in the student catalogue in great detail, not every student knows to look there or that it could affect their ability to graduate. To help avoid situations where students don't look for the repeat policy and just look at the graduation requirements, the

committee would like to leave the repeat policy on the [BLS graduation requirement page](#). We would like to update the language to both the before 2020 and post 2020 matriculation requirements as the registrar suggested. The repeat policy is also listed on the [BA/BS/BSED graduation requirements](#) as #11, so having the policy updated and continue to be listed is in line with other degrees awarded by the university and gives students access to the same information on their respected matriculation requirements page.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the change to rule #14 so it would now state:

No more than 7 repeated courses (repeats are permitted only in courses in which the original grade was C-, D+, D, F, or FA).

The next BLS committee meeting will be October 31st at 1 pm in CRUC room 314.

Meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm.