

**Revised Restrictions on Undergraduate Non-Degree Status**  
*Approved by Undergraduate Council, 3/20/07; by Faculty Senate, 5/7/07.*

**General Catalog Policy, 2006-07: Non-Degree Seeking Students**

*Through non-degree status, a student may enroll for a maximum of six credits or two courses per semester. A maximum of 15 credits completed as a non-degree seeking student may be used for fulfilling undergraduate degree requirements. Non-degree students are not eligible for scholarships or financial aid. Non-degree students are not eligible for housing during Fall or Spring semesters, but may apply for Summer housing. A student disqualified from the University cannot attend as a non-degree student.*

**Rationale for revising the policy:**

Admissions staff believe that the 6-unit (2-course) enrollment limit for non-degree students has outlasted its original purpose. This enrollment limit was established in 1987 by UGC at the request of the Director of Admissions, for the purpose of discouraging prospective students from enrolling in non-degree status who were inadmissible by regular admission standards. While the 6-unit limit is stated on the Admissions application form, the limit has not been enforced by that office, the Registrar's Office, or the colleges for many years. [**Note:** UA Human Resources Policy # 217.0 limits the number of courses taken by University employees, regardless of their degree status.]

Admissions counselors encourage students, including those who apply for non-degree status, to register for the number of units in keeping with their reason for selecting the UA. For visiting students (e.g., those in foreign exchange and National Student Exchange programs) who attend for 1 – 2 semesters, the 6-unit credit restriction is irrelevant. Given the diversity of non-degree students, this enrollment limit should be removed. The maximum number of units should be the same as that set by colleges for degree-seeking students.

The other non-degree restrictions stated in the Catalog ARE upheld by the colleges, Office of Financial Aid, and Residence Life. The policy that no more than 15 units taken in non-degree status may apply toward a degree deters students from remaining in non-degree status for more than one semester. That maximum is monitored on the Student Academic Progress Report (SAPR) and enforced at the University level.

**Revised Catalog Statement** (changes in bold print):

***A student may enroll in University courses through undergraduate non-degree status. A maximum of 15 credits completed as a non-degree seeking student may be used for fulfilling undergraduate degree requirements. Non-degree students, with the exception of students enrolled in the Arizona Universities Network (AZUN), are not eligible for federal financial aid. Non-degree students are not eligible for housing during Fall or Spring semesters, but may apply for Summer housing. A student disqualified from the University cannot attend as a non-degree student.***

**Effective date:** Fall 2007 for all students enrolled in non-degree status.

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