

TO: CLASS Undergraduate Studies Committee

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SUBJECT: Proposal to Revise the Calculation of Grade Point Average in Major and Minor for Purposes of Graduation

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This is a request that the College Undergraduate Studies Committee support a change in policy regarding the calculation of Grade Point Average in Major and Minor for purposes of Graduation. CLASS Chairs and Directors, at their meeting on April 9, strongly supported this proposal.

**Current UH Catalog Major & Minor GPA Requirements:**

Among the eleven general requirements listed on page 72 of the 2005-07 Undergraduate Catalog as general requirements for a baccalaureate degree are:

- 4. Students must earn a 2.00 minimum cumulative grade point average in courses attempted at the university.
- 5. Students must earn a 2.00 minimum cumulative grade point average in courses attempted in their major at the university.

Among the four general requirements listed on page 73 of the 2005-07 Undergraduate Catalog as requirements for a Minor:

- 4. Students must earn a 2.0 minimum cumulative grade point average on courses attempted in the minor at the University of Houston.

**The purpose of this proposal is to modify major requirement 5 and the minor requirement 4 to read as follows:**

- 5. Students must earn a 2.00 minimum grade point average in courses being used to satisfy the requirements for their major at the university.
- 4. Students must earn a 2.00 minimum grade point average in courses being used to satisfy the requirements for their minor at the university.

**Additional Information:**

If a course is repeated in an attempt to raise the grade point average in the major/minor to meet the minimum 2.00 grade point average, the best grade will be used in calculating the major/minor grade point average. Any repeated and/or unused courses will be calculated

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in the cumulative grade point average but will not be calculated in the major/minor grade point average.

This change, if approved, will improve the graduation rates. Students will still be responsible for a CUM UH GPA of 2.0 which will include all UH attempted credits.