

General Legislative Action

At its meeting on October 22, 2020, the Faculty Senate approved Class B Legislation to amend *Student Governance and Policies*, Chapter 101 (Admission). President Ana Mari Cauce has also approved the proposed legislation. This legislation removes the restriction for program-specific undergraduate students to only choose from specific courses within their program. The faculty was given the opportunity to submit written objections to its substantive nature, under the Faculty Code, Chapter 22, [Section 22-74](#) Senate Procedure: Class B Actions. There were no objections to this legislation.

Class B Legislation

Student Governance and Policies

Scholastic Regulations

Chapter 101, Section 1 (Preliminary Statements and Definitions, Program-Specific Students)

Background and Rationale

The Faculty Council on Teaching and Learning, with the support of the Faculty Council on Academic Standards and the Office of the University Registrar, recommends amending Scholastic Regulations Chapter 101 (Admission) based on the following findings:

- Lack of access to state-funded courses at the UW forces students admitted to fee-based programs to seek general education and elective course options at other institutions, inside and outside Washington State.
- Undergraduate online students completing their degrees in fee-based programs have access to only a small number of online courses they need to complete their degree.
- The university is losing considerable tuition revenue (SCH) by denying students access to these UW courses.
- The university is also diminishing the “Husky experience” for these students who are taking their electives at another institution.
- Home units can maintain control of their enrollment requirements and procedures for their courses, so the impact of expanded access should be de minimis. For example, a home unit could limit the total number of fee-based students that could enroll in a course, or limit the period in which fee-based students could enroll.

Chapter 101 Admission

1. Preliminary Statements and Definitions

1.E.2 Program-Specific Student

A program-specific undergraduate student is one who has been competitively admitted to a specific degree program ~~and must choose from a limited number of courses specifically identified in his or her program.~~ Admission is restricted to this program and does not qualify the student for admission to other degree programs of the University of Washington. To be admitted to other degree programs, the students must separately apply. The student shall be informed by the program of any additional restrictions related to his or her enrollment.

S-B 96, April 1966; S-B 127, December 1976; S-B 129, June 1977: all with Presidential approval; AI, October 3, 1983; S-B 169, February 2002; S-B 178, May 24, 2013: both with Presidential approval; RC, December 3, 2013; S-B 180, February 27, 2014 with Presidential approval.

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Senate Executive Committee
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