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Academic Regulations: Undergraduate – Classification of Students

Classification of Students: Students are classified according to the number of credit hours completed and whether they have completed the Core Curriculum.

- **Freshman:** Less than 30 semester hours of credit
- **Sophomore:** Thirty to fifty nine (30-59) semester hours of credit*
- **Junior:** Sixty to eighty nine (60-89) semester hours of credit*
- **Senior:** Ninety (90) or more semester hours of credit

*A student who has attained fifty (50) semester hours of credit will be classified as a junior upon completing the Core Curriculum. A student who has not completed the Core Curriculum will be classified as a sophomore until sixty (60) semester hours of credit are attained.

Justification:
Upon completing the forty two (42) semester hours of credit of Texas’s state-mandated Core Curriculum, students have typically fulfilled most prerequisites and proceed to the advanced coursework of their majors. Once a student is “core complete,” all accredited institutions of higher education in the state will recognize this status. Thus, a higher classification for such students indicates their academic status more accurately. Since sixty (60) semester hours of credit represents the halfway point for most academic programs, students attaining this academic level will be classified as juniors regardless of whether the Core Curriculum has been completed.

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