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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 27 February 2025
TO: FAU Senate Steering Committee
FROM: Kevin Wilt, Chair, FAU Department of Music
SUBJECT: MUL 2010/MUH 2121 enrollment restrictions

To Whom It May Concern:

This memorandum addresses new general education requirements in the proposed Bachelor of Music Education curriculum. This new curriculum requires music education majors to take specific sections of MUL 2010 and MUH 2121 as their Group A and Group B Humanities Gen Ed courses. Enrollment in these courses will be managed through CourseLeaf scheduling restrictions of the various sections offered. In other words, section 001 of both courses would be reserved for music majors, restricting all other majors from enrolling. All remaining sections will, in kind, restrict music majors from enrolling, funneling them into 001. This will allow section 001 to be modified to suit those majors, such as the necessity to read musical notation.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely yours,

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Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 10:40:05 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: RE: 120 Credit Hour Exceptions
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 10:51:58 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Debra Szabo
To: Kevin Wilt
CC: Michael Horswell
Attachments: image002.png, image003.jpg, image001.png

Hi Kevin:

The provost has received calls this week from the BOG regarding the programs that are still over 120 credits. While you mentioned that there was a plan to reduce the BME to 130 credits, we are being asked to bring it into line with the rest of the SUS with a credit total in the 125 – 128 range.

The breakdown of credits(for your reference), as stated by the BOG, is as follows:

FAMU 128
FGCU 125
FSU 128
UF 125
UWF 126
UNF 120
USF 120
UCF 134
FAU 134

The BOG is viewing our and UCF's total of 134 as outliers. Is there a way to reduce our program to the 125 – 128 range?

Kind regards,
Debra

Debra Szabo

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From: Kevin Wilt <wiltk@fau.edu>
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 3:15 PM

To: Debra Szabo <dszabo@fau.edu>
Subject: Re: 120 Credit Hour Exceptions

Hi Debra,

Our hope of reducing the BME to 130 credits remains the same. Do you suspect there will be pressure to reduce it beyond that?

Regards,

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My schedule may be different than yours. Please do not feel the need to respond outside of normal business hours.



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From: Debra Szabo <dszabo@fau.edu>
Date: Friday, May 31, 2024 at 1:50 PM
To: Kevin Wilt <wiltk@fau.edu>
Subject: FW: 120 Credit Hour Exceptions

Hi Kevin:

In a previous email exchange regarding the 120 credit hour exceptions, you mentioned:

while we have plans to reduce all other music degrees to 120 credits, that does not seem viable for the BME, as your contact from FSU illustrated below. At USF, they have a B.S. in Music Education, while ours is a BME. This means an extensive music training on top of teacher training; it borders on being a double major in that regard. In many states, the BME is a five year degree for this reason.

We do anticipate reducing the degree from 134 credits to 130, but even then, it will be a challenge to include all the necessary content. As it is now, our BME is NASM accredited and leads to professional licensure in the state of Florida.

We are now being formally asked (see below) to do this review (As we move through the implementation of the new teacher ed law, please look at the education programs to determine if there is an opportunity to look at the total hours).

Please let me know your thoughts.

Best,
Debra

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From: Sikes, Emily <Emily.Sikes@flbog.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 5:44 PM
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Cc: Nelson, Lynn <Lynn.Nelson@flbog.edu>
Subject: 120 Credit Hour Exceptions

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Good afternoon-

Hope everyone is doing well. As mentioned at the last CAVP meeting, we have put together a table reflecting the 120 credit hour exceptions as they stand after the recent changes this spring. Please take the opportunity to review this file to be sure these are the correct hours for your institution and programs and to see if there may be other opportunities to reduce hours.

As we move through the implementation of the new teacher ed law, please look at the education programs to determine if there is an opportunity to look at the total hours.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Emily

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