

ACADEMIC STANDARDS PROPOSALS – APRIL 2009

1. Proposal for excluding developmental courses from the 3-repeat policy.

Page 8 of the UTC 2008- 2009 Catalog reads in pertinent part: After admission, UTC freshmen take placement tests in reading, writing, and mathematics to determine whether they will need to enroll in developmental courses prior to college level courses.

2. Proposal to change the name of work experience credit from IEP to Practical Training Credit.

Page 15 of the UTC 2008-2009 Catalog reads in pertinent part:

Credit for Work Experience

Adult students who have not earned a degree and wish to enter or return to the University after working for several years may be eligible to receive credit for their professional work experience, in-service training, and completion of certified professional programs. UTC's Credit for Work Experience program awards elective credit for those professional and in-service training experiences that have University equivalencies. Information concerning Credit for Work Experience is available in the Office of Cooperative Education and International Programs (423) 425-4735. Students pay a portfolio/registration fee of \$50.00 and an additional fee per credit hour, based on current University charges for IEP credit hours awarded.

Normally, non-traditional credit will not apply toward the last 24 hours of residency. However, students who have completed their last 24 hours of traditional coursework at UTC and earn IEP credit in their final semester need not petition for an exception to the final 24-hour residency requirement.

3. Effective for Fall 2010 Summer registration limits for each individual term and overlapping terms are eliminated. The registration limit for all semesters including summer will be a maximum of 20 hours for undergraduate students and 15 hours for graduate students.

Rationale

The University online registration programs do not have the capability to manage the individual and overlapping term limits as was possible with the in-person registration system in the Records Office. Since moving to online registration through Legacy and almost complete online registration through Banner updating the Catalog language will bring the policy in line with practice.

4. Proposal to permanently change UTC Application deadline to June 1 effective the 2010-2011 academic year.

Rationale

In addition to helping manage growth, this earlier deadline (changed from August 1) will enable better planning to housing, orientation, classes, and logistics.

5. Beginning with the Fall 2010 Semester major changes submitted in a current semester will become effective for the next subsequent future semester. Students may continue to submit major changes during the current semester and the Records Office will continue to process the changes as they are received but with an effective date of the subsequent future semester.

Rationale

Changing a student's major during the semester presents audit and verification problems for students who have been awarded, verified, or certified in one major and in the middle of a semester change to another major. Banner has the capability of allowing major changes to be entered during a current semester to become effective for a subsequent future semester. This capability will allow student services offices better tracking for audit purposes and will still allow students to be advised and register for a future term under the new major.

5. Proposal to change admission requirements to UTC.

See attachments: Admissions Requirements Chart and Facts Sheet for Colleges