PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATION J-2 and J-7

Rationale for Changes in Regulation J-2

- The current regulation is indiscriminate, not specific to major requirements or course levels, and difficult to interpret and calculate. Chronological order of courses and campus location are determining factors. The proposed regulation is simpler, as the chronological order of courses and student campus are no longer considered (except for the Idaho Falls B.S.Ag.Ec. degree).

- Under the current regulation, students can satisfy the 32 UI credit requirement without earning any upper-division credits at the UI. (Recently, a student applied for a UI degree with two majors. This student satisfied J-2-a prior to transferring to another institution and completed the majority of the required upper division courses for both majors at the other school, this student transferred these credits back and graduated from the UI.)

- Under the current regulation, students who do not satisfy J-2-a, but who have completed their major requirements at UI, must petition before their final credits can be completed at another institution. (Often, students will complete 3+ years at the UI and want to transfer to another school in their final semester, if they have not satisfied J-2-a prior to transferring, they must petition to graduate with less than 32 credits in residence).

Proposed Change in Regulation J-2

J-2. UI Course Requirements.

J-2-a. After a student has completed 88 credits, he or she must complete a minimum of 32 credits in UI courses. A student must earn a minimum of 32 upper division credits in UI courses. No credits awarded for independent study, bypassed courses, credit by examination, College Level Examination Program (CLEP), or experiential learning can be counted among these 32 UI credits. Exceptions to this requirement are stated below; exceptions are also made for study abroad and student exchange programs with prior approval by the student's academic department and dean.

J-2-b. Candidates for baccalaureate degrees at UI centers away from the Moscow campus and candidates whose curricula specifically include a distance learning component or require the completion of courses offered by institutions other than UI are exempt from the requirement stated in J-2-a. Instead, they must complete a minimum of 32 of the last 64 credits in UI courses other than those offered by correspondence study.

J-2-c. Candidates for the B.S.Ed. degree in vocational education are exempt from the requirement stated in J-2-a; instead, they must complete a minimum of 64 credits in UI courses other than those offered by correspondence study.

J-2-d. Candidates for the B.S.Ag.Ec. degree with a major in agribusiness at the University of Idaho Center, Idaho Falls, are exempt from the requirement stated in J-2-a. Instead, they must complete a minimum of 32 of the last 64 credits in courses taught at the University of Idaho Center, Idaho Falls, and they must complete a minimum of 18 of the last 64 credits in courses taught by the University of Idaho.
Rationale for Changes to Regulation J-7

- Changes to J-7-b and c are being proposed to require students to take credits specifically at the undergraduate level in order to receive a second bachelor’s degree. (In the past, students have satisfied this requirement and received a second bachelor’s degree using credits taken as a UI graduate or law student.)

- To be consistent with the proposed changes to regulation J-2, J-7-c should also require that the 32 UI credits be upper-division.

Propose Change to Regulation J-7

J-7. Second Baccalaureate Degree.

J-7-a. Students may concurrently pursue two different majors leading to two different baccalaureate degrees (e.g., B.A. and B.S.Ed.) from UI by working to fulfill the general university requirements for one degree and the departmental and college subject-matter requirements for each. For exceptions to this regulation, see notes with the curricula in general studies and agricultural science and technology in parts 4 and 5, respectively. Students who plan to pursue two degrees concurrently should develop a schedule of studies that combines the degree requirements and present it to the dean(s) of the college(s) concerned as early as possible, preferably before the end of the junior year.

J-7-b. Students who have earned a baccalaureate degree at UI and who wish to complete the requirements for a different major and receive a second baccalaureate degree must earn at least 16 credits as an undergraduate student in UI courses other than those offered by independent study after the receipt of the first degree and fulfill the departmental and college subject-matter requirements for the second degree. (See B-9.) Students may return to UI and earn a second degree carrying the same name as one previously granted by UI so long as the requirements for a different major are satisfied and the students earn at least 16 credits as an undergraduate student in UI courses other than those offered by independent study after the receipt of the first degree. For exceptions to this regulation, see notes with the curricula in general studies and agricultural science and technology in parts 4 and 5, respectively. This regulation does not apply to students who were concurrently pursuing two different degrees under regulation J-7-a or to students who were concurrently pursuing two different majors under regulation J-8.

J-7-c. Students who have a baccalaureate degree from another recognized institution and who wish to earn another baccalaureate degree at UI must earn a minimum of 32 credits as an undergraduate student in upper division UI courses other than those offered by independent study after the receipt of the first degree and fulfill the departmental and college subject-matter requirements for the degree. (See B-9.)