

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this academic policy statement is to provide guidelines that regulate subsequent master's degrees at Sam Houston State University.

2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 2.01 A subsequent master's degree is defined as a degree sought at Sam Houston State University after the completion of a previous master's degree at SHSU or another institution of higher education.
- 2.02 A student may seek a subsequent master's degree provided that the field of study for the subsequent degree is to be different than the field of study for the previous master's degree(s).
- 2.03 Upon the written recommendation of the department/school chair(s) and dean, the following maximum number of hours may be applied to the subsequent master's degree:
- a. A maximum of 6 semester credit hours may be applied to a master's degree program of 30-35 credit hours at Sam Houston State University.
 - b. A maximum of 9 semester credit hours may be applied to a master's degree program of 36-44 credit hours at Sam Houston State University.
 - c. A maximum of 12 semester credit hours may be applied to a master's degree program of 45-59 credit hours at Sam Houston State University.
 - d. A maximum of 15 semester credit hours may be applied to a master's degree program of 60 or more credit hours at Sam Houston State University.
- 2.04 Unless specified in a degree plan or by a written waiver of this policy provision, concurrent enrollment in two graduate degree programs at Sam Houston State University is prohibited. A student must complete one graduate degree program before beginning another. Graduate certificate programs are excluded from this requirement.

- 2.05 Degree plans with concurrent enrollment in two graduate degree programs and waivers of concurrent enrollment require approval of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

APPROVED: <signed>
Alisa White, Ph.D., President

DATE: 12/17/2024

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

This academic policy statement (APS) has been approved by the reviewer(s) listed below and represents SHSU's Division of Academic Affairs' policy from the date of this document until superseded.

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