

AGC Decision Form

This form is to be used when the Academic Governing Council makes a decision on an issue. This form is sent to the Provost.

7.20 Graduation Requirements

Decision

On March 15th, 2022 the ACG membership voted to endorse the 7.20 policy as follows:

III. Policy Statement

To be awarded an associate's degree at Grand Rapids Community College, students must have:

- Completed at least 60 credit hours of coursework.
- Met the requirements outlined in GRCC's 8.31 Minimum Institutional Credit Policy.
- Completed the academic program requirements for the conferred degree as outlined in the GRCC College Catalog, including general education requirements.
- Earned a cumulative grade point average at GRCC of at least 2.0.
- Fulfilled the Michigan Transfer Agreement-aligned *English Composition and Communications* required coursework.
- Developmental courses below 100-level will not be used toward graduation requirements, including the minimum number of credits that need to be completed.

To be awarded a certificate at Grand Rapids Community College, students must have:

- Met the requirements outlined in GRCC's 8.31 Minimum Institutional Credit Policy.
- Completed the academic program requirements for the awarded certificate as defined in the GRCC College Catalog.
- Earned a cumulative grade point average at GRCC of at least 2.0.

- Developmental courses below 100-level will not be used toward graduation requirements, including the minimum number of credits that need to be completed.

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Rationale

The policy was due for a routine review from AGC as there had not been a comprehensive review since 2015. (There was a revision in 2018 that removed the Wellness credits cap.) Since then, GRCC implemented several graduation-related policies/initiatives that were taken into consideration during the 2021-22 review:

- Guided Pathways (Academic Pathways)
- GRCC Generated Graduation Policy (con conversationally known as “auto grad”)
- Project “Win Win”
- Degrees When Due
- Partnerships among Academic & Student Affairs offices to support graduation

Supporting Data

The committee reviewed and presented benchmark data from eight (8) peer institutions. Overall, the GRCC Policy Statement is consistent with these peers. The changes from the previous policy statement (available in AGC meeting records, including presentation slides and minutes) were based on internal feedback from AGC membership.

Implications for Action

The updated policy language will be implemented with an effective date of the start of the fall 2022 semester.

Following the 'Response from Provost,' the 7.20 policy document will need to be updated with the policy statement changes outlined above. The policy review team will also need to consider if any updates to the procedures need to be made in light of the policy review, AGC membership's decision, and 'Response from Provost.'

Date of Decision by AGC

Date: March 15th, 2022

Vote: 95% approved; 0% not approved; 5% abstained

Policy approved.

Section to be Completed by the Provost

Evaluation Plan

Next review is 2024-25

Response from Provost

Approved for immediate implementation.



Brian Knetl, Provost

9/12/22

Date