

**University Senate Executive Committee**  
**June 24, 2020**  
**Temporary University Senate By-Law Change**  
**MAXIMUM CREDITS FOR NON-DEGREE STUDENTS**

**Background:**

Due to the Covid-19 crisis, admitted students may choose to take a gap year and yet earn credits. Similarly, there may be some increased demand for online courses by non-UConn students. Raising the limit on number of credits that non-degree students may take to 12 from 8 will provide greater educational opportunities during a time of uncertainty and may yield additional tuition revenue.

**Proposed modification to II.A.5. *Non-Degree Students* (added text is underlined)**

- a. Persons who wish to pursue college work without being formally admitted as candidates for an undergraduate degree at the University may register for courses as non-degree students.
- b. The Registrar shall set dates during which non-degree students may register for courses. Registration is on a space-available basis and limited to two courses totaling not more than eight (8) credits in a semester. Requests for exceptions to this policy may be made to the director or designee of non-degree programs. Students who have been dismissed from the University must seek permission to take coursework with non-degree status from the dean or designee of the school or college from which the student was dismissed. They are not eligible for exceptions to course and credit limits.  
For the academic year 2020-2021 only, non-degree students may enroll in up to 12 credits.
- c. Continued enrollment of a non-degree student is dependent upon the student maintaining a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 after having attempted 12 credits or having been enrolled for two semesters.
- d. A non-degree student who wishes to become a degree candidate at the University of Connecticut must apply for admission in the same way as any other prospective student.
- e. When a non-degree student matriculates, the student will, in conjunction with the dean or designee of his or her school or college, or the director or designee of his or her program, determine whether or not credits earned as a non-degree student will be applied to the degree. Students who have coursework on their non-degree record that has not been assessed may seek approval by their school or college's dean or designee to have that coursework evaluated and moved to the undergraduate record. Once courses have been moved to the undergraduate record they cannot be removed unless, under exceptional circumstances, permission is given by the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs.