Number of Credit Hours – BA/BS Degree

I. POLICY:

ASU confers the BA or BS degree after the completion of a minimum of 120 academic semester hours composed of general education, major requirements, and elective credit. Additional majors or minors are optional. At least 42 academic credit hours must be form upper level courses (300-499 level). Minors will not be granted until all major requirements are completed.

II. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to identify the type and number of credit hours required to earn a BA or BS degree.

III. DEFINITIONS:

A. Academic Semester Hours: Credit hours in an academic rather than applied area. PE credits are not academic credits.

B. BA Degree: Bachelor of Arts Degree.

C. BS Degree: Bachelor of Science Degree.

D. Elective Credit: Academic credits that are outside of the emphasis area and general education requirements.

E. Emphasis: For AA/AS degrees other than general studies, the area in which the student specializes.

F. General Education Courses: The program of general studies courses required of all students in order to complete a degree, regardless of major.

G. Major Requirements: Courses in the area/discipline in which the student has chosen to specialize.

H. Upper Level Courses: Undergraduate courses that are numbered from 300 – 499.

IV. PROCEDURES:

A. The student will complete the required number of academic semester hours prior to the conferring of a degree.

V. RESPONSIBILITY:

A. Responsibility for completion of the required credits lies with the student.
VI. **AUTHORITY:**

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VII. **HISTORY:**

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VIII. **ATTACHMENTS:**