

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jeff Nowak, Presiding Officer

FROM: Stephen Buttes, Chair  
Educational Policy Committee

DATE: 02/18/2026

SUBJ: Revised Academic Regulations – Section 10.0

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WHEREAS, the Senate committed SD 25-21 (Ad-Hoc Academic Regulations Task Force Final Report) to the Educational Policy Committee (EPC); and,

WHEREAS, EPC reviewed the current Academic Regulations (Academic Year 2025-2026), the Ad-Hoc Task Force’s Final Report, and Senate Documents containing revised Academic Regulations from Academic Years 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026; and,

WHEREAS, the EPC review sought to align current Academic Regulations, Senate Documents (Fall 2022 – Fall 2025), and the Ad-Hoc Task Force recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, EPC concluded that the clearest way to present the Ad-Hoc Task Force proposals without modifying already-approved Senate changes embedded in the current Academic Regulations was to map specific Ad-Hoc Task Force proposals onto the current regulations; and,

WHEREAS, EPC further concluded that the Senate review and approval process of these revisions could proceed most expeditiously by preparing a separate resolution for each section of the Academic Regulations;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate approve the specific revisions to section 10.0 of the Academic Regulations listed below.

[PFW Academic Regulations - AY 2025-2026 - PFW Catalog](#)

Current Language (PFW Catalog AY 2025-2026)	Proposed Language (PFW Catalog AY 2026-2027)
Degrees	no proposed change
10.0: Degrees. Academic units may impose stricter requirements than those listed in this section but may not waive the following minimum standards. Provided these minimum standards are satisfied, adjustments to any degree requirement may be made by the unit establishing that requirement.	no proposed change
10.1: Degrees offered. For completion of undergraduate plans of study of at least 60 credits, associate degrees may be conferred. For completion of undergraduate plans of study of at least 120 credits, bachelor's degrees may be conferred.	no proposed change
10.2: Requirements for degrees. Any student entering a degree, certificate, or pre-major program will be required to fulfill the requirements in the catalog current at the time of entry or re-entry to the university.	no proposed change
The primary reasons for a student to be required to meet the requirements of a subsequent catalog include:	no proposed change
Re-entry to Purdue University Fort Wayne (PFW) (after a one year period of non-enrollment)	no proposed change
By request with the written acknowledgment of the academic advisor	no proposed change
When required by accreditation, a department may require students to complete the curriculum defined by the most current catalog.	no proposed change
Any student who remains continuously enrolled or admitted to the university will be required to meet the requirements of the term of entry or re-entry to the university unless the student chooses to change to a subsequent with the written acknowledgment of the academic advisor.	no proposed change

<p>Any student who is not continuously enrolled due to a period of deployment to serve in a branch of the armed services may meet the requirements of the catalog of the most recent entry or re-entry to the university.</p>	<p>no proposed change</p>
<p>In addition:</p>	<p>no proposed change</p>
<p>Any new requirement for a degree, certificate, or pre-major program may not be applied to currently enrolled students in these programs if it would increase the number of semester hours or the number of semesters required for completion of the program.</p>	<p>no proposed change</p>
<p>The school/division/department committee in charge of curriculum matters may refuse to accept as credit toward graduation any course which was completed 10 or more years previously. Former students shall be notified of all such decisions upon reentering or when the credit is determined to be unacceptable.</p>	<p>no proposed change</p>
<p>To gain any associate or bachelor's degree at Purdue University Fort Wayne (PFW), the student shall satisfy the following requirements:</p>	<p>no proposed change</p>
<p>10.2.1: The completion by resident credit or transfer credit (see Section 1.2) of the plan of study underlying the degree, including:</p>	<p>no proposed change</p>
<p>10.2.1.1: For an associate degree, the registration in and completion of at least 32 credits of resident course credit, including at least 15 credits in courses applicable to the major.</p>	<p>no proposed change</p>
<p>10.2.1.2: For a bachelor's degree, the registration in and completion of at least 32 credits of resident course credit at the 200 level or above, including at least 15 credits at the 300 level or above in courses applicable to the major.</p>	<p>10.2.1.2: For a bachelor's degree, the registration in and completion of at least 32 credits of resident course credit <b>at the 300 level or above</b>, including at least 15 credits at the 300 level or above in courses applicable to the major.</p>

<p>10.2.2: Normally, completion of the entire final year in residence. However, with the approval of the student's school/division, a student who has satisfied the resident course credit requirement may complete the remaining requirements in another approved college or university.</p>	<p>10.2.2: Normally, completion of the entire final year in residence. However, with the approval of the student's <b>department</b>, a student who has satisfied the resident course credit requirement may complete the remaining requirements in another approved college or university.</p>
<p>10.2.3: Establishment of a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or better.</p>	<p>no proposed change</p>
<p>10.2.4: Registration, either in residence or in absentia, as a candidate for the desired degree during the academic session immediately preceding its conferral.</p>	<p>no proposed change</p>
<p>10.3: Double majors and double degrees. A student who will be completing the requirements for two or more degree programs simultaneously may be eligible to be registered as a candidate for more than one degree according to the following criteria:</p>	<p>no proposed change</p>
<p>10.3.1: Double major. If the degree programs are in the same school and lead to the same degree, only one degree shall be awarded. The academic record shall reflect multiple fields of study, as appropriate.</p>	<p>no proposed change</p>
<p>10.3.2: Double degree. If the degree programs are in different schools, two (or more) degrees may be awarded upon special request approved by the deans of the schools concerned and filed with the registrar at the beginning of the semester or session in which the degrees are to be awarded. If the degree programs are in the same school and lead to different degrees, the appropriate degrees shall be awarded.</p>	<p>no proposed change</p>
<p>10.4: Graduation with distinction. A candidate for the bachelor's degree with distinction must have a minimum of 60 resident credits included in the computation of the cumulative GPA. A candidate for an associate degree with distinction must have a minimum of 35 resident credits included in the computation of the cumulative GPA. The required GPA, calculated each spring as outlined below, shall also apply to degrees for the following summer sessions and fall semester.</p>	<p>no proposed change</p>

<p>10.4.1: In each college, school or division, the minimum cumulative GPA for graduation with distinction from an associate or bachelor's- degree program shall be 3.80-3.94.</p>	<p>10.4.1: In each <b>college or school</b>, the minimum cumulative GPA for graduation with distinction from an associate or bachelor's-degree program shall be 3.80-3.94.</p>
<p>10.4.2: In each college, school or division, the minimum cumulative GPA for graduation with highest distinction from an associate or bachelor's degree program shall be 3.95-4.00.</p>	<p>10.4.2: In each <b>college or school</b>, the minimum cumulative GPA for graduation with highest distinction from an associate or bachelor's degree program shall be 3.95-4.00.</p>
<p>10.4.3: In each school or division, the requirements for graduation with distinction or with highest distinction from an associate-degree program shall be separately calculated as outlined above for bachelor's-degree programs.</p>	<p>10.4.3: In each <b>college or school</b>, the requirements for graduation with distinction or with highest distinction from an associate-degree program shall be separately calculated as outlined above for bachelor's-degree programs.</p>
<p>10.5: Conferring of degrees. Degrees may be granted as of the close of each academic session. The names of the degree nominees will be presented by the Registrar to the appropriate board of trustees for approval.</p>	<p>10.5: Conferring of degrees. Degrees may be granted as of the close of each academic session. The names of the degree nominees will be presented by the Registrar to <b>the board of trustees for approval.</b></p>