1. PURPOSE

To provide the uniform degree plan requirements for undergraduate degrees at Sam Houston State University (SHSU).

2. DEGREE PLAN ELEMENTS

All undergraduate degrees at Sam Houston State University, regardless of major, are comprised of the following elements:

a. General Education Core Curriculum, consisting of 42 semester credit hours
   (1) Course substitutions or exceptions are not permitted within the General Education Core Curriculum.

b. Degree-Specific Requirements

c. Major-Specific Requirements, consisting of at least 30 semester credit hours

d. Electives, if applicable

e. Minor, if applicable

3. DEGREE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

3.01 All undergraduate degrees at Sam Houston State University contain the following minimum requirements:

   a. A minimum of 120 total semester credit hours

   b. A minimum of 42 semester credit hours of advanced coursework (3000-4000 level courses)
      - A minimum of 25% of semester credit hours completed in residence as defined in the applicable SHSU catalog of which at least 24 semester credit hours must be advanced
• A minimum of 12 semester credit hours of advanced coursework within the major field of study

• A minimum of 6 semester credit hours of advanced coursework within the minor field of study (if applicable)

c. A minimum 2.00 grade point average (GPA) in each of the following:

• SHSU GPA
• Overall GPA (SHSU coursework and transfer coursework)
• SHSU Major GPA
• Overall Major GPA (SHSU coursework and transfer coursework)
• SHSU Minor GPA, if applicable
• Overall Minor GPA (SHSU coursework and transfer coursework), if applicable

3.02 A student has the option of meeting the academic requirements for any degree as outlined in the catalog at the time of admission or those listed in any later catalog provided the requirements are met not later than six (6) years from the effective date of the selected catalog.

3.03 The student bears the sole responsibility for assuring that all degree requirements are fulfilled.

4. DEGREE PLAN PROCEDURES

Degree requirements will be listed in the student’s degree plan. Degree plans are published in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs and the institution’s degree audit software.

APPROVED: <signed>
Dana G. Hoyt, President

DATED: 12/10/18
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listed below and represents SHSU’s Division of Academic Affairs’ policy from the date of this document until superseded.

Original: May 31, 1995
Reviewer(s): Council of Academic Deans
Faculty Senate
Academic Affairs Council

Approved: <signed> Date: 12/11/18

Richard Eglsaer
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*Effective January 2018, Academic Policy Statements will be reviewed on a rotating 5-year schedule. To transition to a distributed review load, some policies may be reviewed prior to the 5-year timeframe, with subsequent reviews transitioning to the 5-year schedule.