

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies
Resolution to Revise Presidential Policy Memorandum No. 111
(Residency Requirement)
Resolution 2013-14H

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WHEREAS, Virginia Tech students may study at universities, educational centers, and other post-secondary educational programs sponsored by a variety of universities and educational organizations within the United States and abroad to enhance their educational experience, and

WHEREAS, students later in their academic career may benefit most from an exchange program, and

WHEREAS, a year-long or two-semester program off campus may provide the greatest benefit to the student in some situations, and

WHEREAS, Presidential Policy Memorandum No. 111 Residency Requirement states:

"Undergraduate students are permitted to complete a maximum of 18 of their last 45 hours in absentia and to transfer to complete their graduation requirements, so long as the request to transfer these credits meets all the current requirements in effect (transfer transcript is required and approval of the student's Academic Dean). Also the credits to be transferred may consist of required as well as elective credits as long as prior approval has been obtained from the student's Academic Dean to transfer any required credits.", and

WHEREAS, Virginia Tech wishes to encourage students to take advantage of educational opportunities off campus,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Presidential Policy Memorandum No. 111 be amended to read as follows:

"The residency requirement at Virginia Tech, as stated in the last sentence of the first paragraph in the section "Graduation Requirements and Degrees" in the UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, be amended to read:

"Undergraduate students are permitted to complete a maximum of 18 of their last 45 hours in absentia and to transfer to complete their graduation requirements, so long as the request to transfer these credits meets all the current requirements in effect (transfer transcript is required and approval of the student's Academic Dean). Also the credits to be transferred may consist of required as well as elective credits as long as prior approval has been obtained from the student's Academic Dean to transfer any required credits. Undergraduate students studying away from campus during their last 45 hours may apply for an individual waiver of the requirement that a maximum of 18 of their last 45 hours may be earned in absentia. Approval of

the request will be at the discretion of their academic dean. This does not preclude the requirement that at least 25% of all credits be earned in residence at Virginia Tech.”

Effective Date: This policy is effective for all students enrolled spring 2015 and thereafter.