

Academic Policies and Standards



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Students have the right to petition for the substitution of course work to meet degree and/or certificate requirements. No student can graduate with fewer than the required number of credits in a degree or certificate. Credit can be given for a substitution of additional course work, but credit cannot be waived.

Requests for substitutions of course work in the ASOT, AAOT, AS and AGS degrees require approvals by the Registrar in accordance with guidelines established by the Subject Area Committees.

Requests for substitution of course work in AAS degrees and certificates require approval by the department chair from which the student is earning the degree and/or certificate, consistent with degree outcomes.

All substitutions must meet state guidelines for each degree or certificate as established by the state (CCWD) degree/certificate rules. The Registrar's office provides institutional approval for substitution decisions based on accreditation standards, government regulations and degree outcomes

Disagreements between the Registrar and the Faculty Department Chair may be appealed to a three Dean panel including the involved Division Dean, the Campus Dean of Instruction and a third dean of the administration's choice.