

CS 3.5.2 - Institutional Credits for a Degree

At least 25 percent of the credit hours required for the degree are earned through instruction offered by the institution awarding the degree. In the case of undergraduate degree programs offered through joint, cooperative, or consortia arrangements, the student earns 25 percent of the credits required for the degree through instruction offered by the participating institutions. (See Commission policy “The Transfer or Transcribing of Academic Credit.”)

Compliance Finding: Partial Compliance

Narrative:

The University of South Carolina Beaufort (USC Beaufort) is in partial compliance with this standard at this time. For all degrees offered at USC Beaufort with the exception of Early Childhood Education and Nursing the 25 percent requirement is met. Early Childhood Education requires 122 credit hours or 31 hours must be earned at USC Beaufort. Nursing requires 127 credit hours, or 32 hours must be earned at USC Beaufort.

The current bulletin states that 15 semester hours must be completed in residence in order to receive the A.A. or the A.S. degree [i]. For baccalaureate degrees the last 30 semester hours must be completed in residence at USC Beaufort and at least half of the hours in the student’s major courses and in the student’s minor courses (if applicable) must be taken at USC Beaufort [ii].

Action Plan: The 2008-2009 Bulletin will reflect the residency requirements for Early Childhood Education (31 hours) and Nursing (32 hours), thus bringing USC Beaufort into full compliance with this standard [iii].

DISCIPLINE	Degree	Hours	Hours Required in Residence
Associate of Arts	A.A.	60	15
Associate of Science	A.S.	60	15
Biology	B.S.	120	30
Business Administration with a concentration in Management	B.S.	120	30
Early Childhood Education	B.A.	122	31
English	B.A.	120	30
History	B.A.	120	30
Hospitality Management	B.S.	120	30
Human Services	B.S.	120	30

DISCIPLINE	Degree	Hours	Hours Required in Residence
Liberal Studies	B.A.	120	30
Liberal Studies with a concentration in Security Studies	B.A.	120	30
Nursing (RN to BSN completion)	B.S.N.	127	32
Psychology	B.A.	120	30
Spanish	B.A.	120	30

Supporting Documentation

- [i USC Beaufort Bulletin -- Associate Degree Hours Required](#)
- [ii USC Beaufort Bulletin -- Baccalaureate Degrees Hours Required](#)
- [iii 2008-2009 Bulletin Update](#)