

1.0 POLICY STATEMENT

- 1.1 MacEwan University (the “University”) recognizes the importance for post-secondary graduates to communicate effectively. The University understands that clarity, organization and effective presentation of facts and ideas have universal value, regardless of a learner’s career choice.

2.0 PURPOSE

- 2.1 This policy establishes the standards necessary for students to develop competent communication skills that are fundamental to the goals of post-secondary education.

3.0 APPLICABILITY

- 3.1 This policy applies to Ministry-approved Programs offered by the University.
- 3.2 Students are responsible for meeting all program requirements and regulations as published in the University’s Academic Calendar.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

Ministry-approved Programs

A credential or non-credential program offered at the University which has been approved by the Alberta Ministry of Advanced Education and is listed in the Ministry’s program registry system.

Program of Study

An approved pattern of coursework that provides the program structure for a credential.

5.0 POLICY ELEMENTS

- 5.1 Normally, Ministry-approved Programs shall include a three-credit English course.
- 5.2 In cases where a program is delivered in a language other than English, the University shall waive the English course requirement, and instead shall require students to take a post-secondary level language composition course in the program’s language of instruction.
- 5.3 In cases where a three-credit English course is required for admission into a program, the curriculum requirement of a three-credit English course will be waived.
- 5.4 For Ministry-approved programs that are post-credential certificates and less than 20 credits in total, the curriculum requirement of a three-credit English course will be waived.
- 5.5 Programs may require additional English courses in their Program of Study beyond the requirement of one three-credit English course.

6.0 ASSOCIATED PROCEDURES

- None

7.0 RELATED POLICIES, FORMS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

- Credentials Policy
- Curriculum Policy
- Program and Course Approvals Procedure
- Inter-Institutional Transferability Policy

8.0 ACCOUNTABILITY

Policy Sponsor

Provost and Vice-President, Academic

Responsible Office

Office of the University Registrar

9.0 HISTORY**Relevant Dates**

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Next Review:	2029.02

Modification History

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85.05.16:	Changes made to regulations as recommended by Academic Council 85.05.07 and approved 85.05.16 by Board motion 12-15-84/85.
99.01.21:	Approved by Board motion 1-1-21-98/99 as per Academic Council recommendation (Meeting 98.12.08 motion 98-12-08-09).
2003.04.17:	Update approved by Board motion 02.04.17.2002/03 as recommended by Academic Council 03.11.02.03.
2008.04.10:	Policy revised and update approved by Board motion 01-4-10-2007/08 as recommended by Academic Council motion 08-03-11-04 and was endorsed by Executive Committee.
2009.10.08:	Terminology updated to reflect name change to Grant MacEwan University. Approved by Board motion 01-10-8-2009/10.
2013.04.24:	Revised as recommended by Academic Policies Committee, and approved by Academic Governance Council motion AGC-09-04-23-2013.
2014.10.28:	Terminology updated to reflect housekeeping and textual changes, and approved by Academic Governance Council motion AGC-04-10-28-2014.
2014.12.22:	Updated to reflect current policy names and numbers, references to retired policies, and Related Policy listings.
2024.02.12:	Revised to introduce a condition for exemptions. Approved by General Faculties Council motion #GFC-02-02-12-2023/24.