



**TITLE:** Undergraduate Degree Requirements for Graduate Students

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2013

**LAST REVIEW:**

**NEXT REVIEW:**

**POLICY OWNER:** Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies

**PROCEDURE CONTACT:** School of Graduate Studies

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**POLICY/PROCEDURE:**

- Students must have earned and have a transcribed undergraduate degree before beginning graduate coursework.
- If the undergraduate degree was earned in the USA the undergraduate degree must have been received from an institution that is accredited by a US regional accreditation body. There are six regional accreditation bodies:
  - Middle States – MSA
  - Northwest – NW
  - New England – NEASCSC
  - Southern – SACS
  - North Central – NCA
  - Western - WASC
- If the undergraduate degree was earned in Canada the undergraduate degree must have been received from an institution that has received a provincial charter to grant degrees. Generally these Canadian institutions are also members of AUCC.
- If the student attended an institution outside of North America, the undergraduate degree must be recognized by the Ministry of Education in the country in which it was earned.
  - Additionally, the undergraduate degree must be accepted by SCSU as the equivalent of a US bachelor's degree.
  - A determination is made when international transcripts are reviewed by a transcript evaluation agency.