OCAD University Policies, Procedures & Regulations

Senate Policy

Residency Requirement, Undergraduate

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Description:

The residency requirement policy outlines the minimum number of OCAD University credits a student must complete to be awarded an undergraduate degree from OCAD University.

Approvals:

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Approval Authority: Senate

Signature: Julian Goss, Chair

Policy:

OCAD University (OCAD U) is the sole arbiter of standards for admission to its areas of study and bases its offers of admission on the evidence of an applicant's interests in working within, and ability to benefit from, OCAD U's programs of study and course offerings. Based upon this principle, the University requires students to complete at least half of their graduation requirements at OCAD U.

Students must complete a minimum of 50% of their degree requirements, normally 10.0 credits, in residence at OCAD U, i.e. through courses offered by the University.

Any credits completed through off-campus study (Letter of Permission, Exchange) and/or any credit(s) gained through Course Challenge cannot be used to fulfill the university's residency requirements.