

AA16. Duration of Study Policy

Title:	Duration of Study Policy
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Issuing Authority:	Vice President For Academic Affairs

RATIONALE

Each major has a minimum study and residency period. The minimum duration period must satisfy the Ministry of Education and Higher Education Requirements for equivalency purposes.

POLICY

1- Minimum Period

To earn a bachelor's degree, a student has to study for a minimum period as an enrolled student at the RHU, as indicated in the table below.

Minimum duration to earn a Bachelor's degree		
College of Arts and Sciences	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Fine Arts	Three years
College of Business Administration	Bachelor of Business Administration	Three years
College of Engineering	Bachelor of Science	Three years (equivalent to 6 regular semesters plus three summer semesters)
	Bachelor of Engineering	Four years (equivalent to 8 regular semesters plus three summer semesters)

A regular semester equals a minimum of 12 earned credits for transfer purposes. To earn a bachelor's degree, a transfer student must study at least three regular semesters at RHU for a three-year program or four regular semesters for a four-year program and acquire Co-op work experience.

2- Maximum Period

The maximum study period to earn a bachelor's degree, excluding semesters of approved deferment of study, is ten regular semesters for the Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, and Bachelor of Business Administration degrees and 12 regular semesters for the Bachelor of Engineering degree.

If, for compelling reasons, a student cannot complete the bachelor's degree within the apportioned period, a request for extension may be submitted through the college council for approval by the University Academic Board.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- > University policies and procedures
- > University catalogues

1. APPROVAL AND REVIEW

OFFICER RESPONSIBLE: VP for Academic Affairs

AUTHORITY: University Academic Board

POLICY REVIEWED BY: Human Resources Department, Finance Department, Academic units, Quality Assurance Office.

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RELATED POLICIES: All University Policies and Procedures

FINAL APPROVAL BY THE PRESIDENT:

Signature: 

Date: July 15, 2018