



**CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA
POLICY NO: 1121**

POLICY ON BLENDED PROGRAMS

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to implement the CSU Chancellor's Office Policy AA-2012-01 and guide the development of Blended Programs at Cal Poly Pomona.

The CSU Chancellor's Office allows campuses to offer Blended Bachelor's + Master's Degrees (often referred to 4+1 programs) in which students can obtain both an undergraduate and a graduate degree in a single five-year program. Blended Programs are designed to allow well-qualified students who are currently enrolled in an undergraduate program to obtain two simultaneous degrees in a streamlined manner.

2. STRUCTURE

Blended Programs must:

- Have a minimum of 150 units (120 bachelor's + 30 master's).
- The bachelor's and master's to be blended must exist at CPP before the creation of a Blended program.
- Guarantee that the bachelor's and master's satisfy all CSU and CPP University requirements.
- Comply with all external accreditation agency requirements when applicable.
- Use the same CIP (HEGIS) codes respectively for the existing bachelor's and master's degrees.
- For those programs requiring more than 120 units for graduation, up to a maximum of 6 units at the 4000 and 5000 levels, can double count in the bachelor's and master's degrees with advisor approval.
- No double counting is allowed between undergraduate Capstone Requirements and Culminating Experience units. Both requirements must be independently completed and cannot be substituted.
- Students will not be able to pursue a graduate Culminating Experience if their undergraduate Capstone Requirement has not been completed.



3. IMPLEMENTATION

- Students will be admitted to the University as undergraduate students.
- Students file a “Change Objective” petition to their graduate coordinator or designee in order to add a blended objective.
 - Students cannot apply for admission to the graduate portion of a blended program until they have completed a minimum of 90 units, maximum 120. However, departments should establish advising programs and roadmaps for students who declare an interest in a blended program so they can begin preparing in advance of 90 units.
 - To be eligible students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA in their most recent 60 semester units.
 - Students must have passed the GWT or equivalent.
 - Students must have completed all 1000 and 2000 level classes in their bachelor’s program.
 - Students must attach to the petition a “Graduate Program of Studies” (Contract) approved by their Graduate Coordinator and their Department Chair.
- Departments should develop an appeal procedure for “Change of Objective” denials.
- Departments can specify additional admissions requirements to their Blended Programs.
- Departments must guarantee that classes will be offered to allow the timely graduation of Blended students.
- Per Chancellor’s Office Memo AA-2012-01, students who cannot complete the graduate portion of the blended program may revert back to just the undergraduate portion of the program. Departments should determine which (if any) graduate courses are suitable substitutes for upper-division undergraduate degree requirements, and make this information available to students and advisors, so that they can substitute courses by petition.