Changes in Regulations

The University reserves the right to make changes in regulations governing degree programs from time to time.

General Faculties Council (GFC) is the University’s senior academic governing body and it is GFC which has approved all the academic regulations which appear in this and other sections of the Calendar. No changes to these regulations may be made without GFC’s approval.

Academic Standing Regulations

Changes regarding “academic standing” regulations such as the eligibility to continue in a program, promotion, and graduation requirements, apply to both new and continuing students. All students should annually refer to the current Calendar for appropriate Faculty academic standing regulations.

Any and all grade averages used in making decisions regarding academic standing should be clearly described in the Faculty section of the Calendar; this description is to include the computational rules and the way in which the average will be used in the decision process.

Degree Program Regulations

Unless stated otherwise, changes in degree program requirements (i.e., the required courses specified for a particular program of studies, or the units of course weight required in specified subject areas, or the total units of course weight required in the degree program) apply only to new students and those readmitted to a Faculty. Continuing students should refer to the Calendar in effect at the time they were admitted or readmitted for the regulations governing their degree program requirements.

Where a required course for a degree program is no longer offered, the Faculty may specify an alternate. Students who interrupt their program and who must apply for readmission to the program will be required to comply with any new regulations upon resumption of their studies.

Certificate Program Regulations

The University of Alberta offers certificates across a range of disciplines (See Programs of Study). Certificates are intended to recognize student achievement in particular areas of focus not readily apparent on a student’s degree or transcript. Certificates are administered by the host Faculty.

Embedded Credit Certificates

Embedded credit certificates are designed to enable students to complete the requirements of a certificate during the completion of their regular degree program. In some cases students may choose to complete courses extra to their degree in order to receive the