



**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 comply with the following:

- Any Bachelor's and Master's programs that are blended must exist at CPP before proposing a Blended program, and both programs must be under the same support model, either both state-supported or both self-supported.
- 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.
- The Bachelor's portion of the Blended Program shall have a minimum of 120 units, and the Master's portion shall have a minimum of 30 units. Departments may, at their discretion, allow up to 12 double-counted units between the Bachelor's and Master's portions of the Blended Program, resulting in a minimum of 138 units for Blended Programs. The double-counted units must be at the 4000 and/or 5000 levels.



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.
 - o Students cannot apply for admission to the graduate portion of a blended program until they have completed a minimum of 90 units towards the degree, and a maximum of 114 units towards the degree. 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.
 - o To be eligible, students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA in their most recent 60 semester units.
 - o Students must have completed all 1000 and 2000 level classes in their Bachelor's program prior to beginning the Blended Program.
- Departments should develop an appeal procedure for "Change of Objective" denials.
- Departments can specify additional admissions requirements to their Blended Programs.
- Departments must have a plan in place to offer classes on a schedule that will allow the timely graduation of students in Blended Programs.
- 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.