

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD ACADEMIC SENATE

WINTER TERM COURSES AND UNITS POLICY
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RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate recommend to the President that the following policies regarding Winter Intersession be enacted, due to the short period of instruction:

- 1) That students not be allowed to take more than two courses, for a total of four units, during Winter Intersession.
- 2) That the classes offered during Winter Intersession be restricted to courses which can be feasibly accomplished in two-and-a-half weeks, such as supplemental courses and special interest courses and activities.
- 3) That courses which cannot be pedagogically accommodated in a two-and-a-half-week session, such as general education courses that require depth and/or breadth, skills courses that develop or reinforce mathematics and/or writing, laboratory courses, and major courses which require extensive depth and/or breadth, not be offered during Winter Intersession.
- 4) That the General Education Director approves any general education courses offered in Winter Intersession, in addition to the normal approval of Extended Education courses by the department chair and school dean.

RATIONALE: Winter Term was originally intended for remedial/supplemental courses and special interest classes. Over time, students have been taking more than one 3- or 4-unit class during this two-and-a-half-week period. This kind of course overload, for such a reduced period, in which students must learn the material and fulfill the requirements of their courses, reduces the students' probability of passing said courses. By limiting students to four units, it is possible to return to the original intention of offering supplemental and/or special interest courses offered during this abbreviated Intersession. By limiting units, students have a higher probability of completing a course successfully.

In terms of special interest classes, students would have the opportunity to study topics that would not ordinarily be available to them, and have experiences that are designed for intellectual/experiential enrichment.

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