

Texas Woman's University University Regulation and Procedure

Regulation and Procedure Name: Cooperative Academic Arrangements

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Number: URP: 02.230**

Policy Owner: Academic Affairs

POLICY STATEMENT

This URP outlines responsibilities for ensuring the quality and integrity of the work recorded when an institution transcribes courses or credits as its own when offered through a cooperative academic arrangement involving joint and dual academic awards; and compliance with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges ("SACSCOC") accreditation requirements pertaining to the development, maintenance and regular evaluation of such arrangements.

APPLICABILITY

This policy is applicable to TWU Faculty, Staff and Students.

DEFINITIONS

1. "Agreements Involving Joint and Dual Academic Awards" means agreements between institutions accredited by the SACSCOC and accredited or non-accredited degree-granting institutions of higher education throughout the world for purposes of awarding academic credits and/or academic program completion credentials, e.g., certificates, diplomas, degrees, or transcripts.
2. "Dual Academic Award" means an agreement by two or more institutions to grant dual academic awards is one whereby students study at two or more institutions and each institution grants a single academic award bearing only its name, seal, and signature.
3. "Joint Academic Award" means an agreement by two or more institutions to award a joint academic award is one whereby students study at two or more institutions and the institutions grant a single academic award bearing the names, seals, and signatures of each of the participating institutions.

REGULATION AND PROCEDURE

I. Cooperative Academic Arrangements

- A. University academic administrators, including, but not limited to, program directors, chairs, directors, assistant and associate deans and directors, directors of schools, deans, assistant and vice provosts, and the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost are responsible for the integrity of cooperative agreements involving joint and dual academic awards in accordance with SACSCOC cooperative academic arrangements policy and procedures.
- B. All proposed cooperative academic agreements involving joint and dual academic awards must undergo critical administrative review and be approved by the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost or an assigned delegate.
- C. The TWU SACSCOC Accreditation Liaison is responsible for ensuring adherence to all applicable SACSCOC guidelines regarding cooperative academic agreements involving joint and dual academic awards including, if necessary, the substantive change prospectus and/or notifications to the Commission.

REVIEW

This policy will remain in effect and published until it is reviewed, updated, or archived. This policy is to be reviewed once every six years. Interim review may be required as a result of updates to federal and state law or regulations, Board of Regents policies, or internal processes or procedures.

REFERENCES

[URP 02.205: Substantive Change](#)

SACSCOC Policies:

- 1. Cooperative Academic Arrangements Policy
- 2. Substantive Change for SACSCOC Accredited Institutions
- 3. Distance and Correspondence Education

SACSCOC

- 1. Core Requirement 1.1 Integrity
- 2. Standard 6.2a Faculty qualifications
- 3. Standard 6.2.b Program faculty

4. Standard 9.4 Institutional credits for an undergraduate degree
5. Standard 9.5 Institutional credits for a graduate/professional degree
6. Standard 10.8 Evaluating and awarding academic credit
7. Standard 10.9 Cooperative Academic Arrangements

FORMS AND TOOLS

None

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