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REQUESTED FOR BOR ACTION:

**DELETION OF RESIDENCE RULE REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO GRADUATION
SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 408 AND ARTICLE 412 OF THE UNIVERSITY CODE**

BACKGROUND:

This proposal aims to remove disadvantages for students recommended for graduation and those who are also potential Latin honor candidates. Specifically, it seeks to address the following issues:

- A. Residence requirement prior to graduation; and,
- B. Residence requirement to graduate with honors.

There have been students recommended for graduation who were on official leave of absence (LOA) or unofficial leave of absence (AWOL) prior to their semester of graduation. Article 408 requires a student to be on one year residence immediately prior to graduation and Article 412 requires a student recommended for graduation with Latin honors to be on two years residence immediately prior to graduation.


PROPOSAL:

The following revisions in the University of the Philippines Code are being proposed in order to revise policies that disadvantage students recommended for graduation and also those recommended with Latin honors.

The following is proposed by the Task Force on the Harmonization of OUR Procedures Across the Constituent Universities (CUs) composed of the University Registrars of the CUs and the College Secretary of UP Visayas Tacloban College as members, and the AVP for Academic Affairs in charge of Curriculum and Instruction as Chair.

Note: Proposed deletions from and revisions to the Code are underlined in the table below.



Codal Provision ¹	Proposed Revision/Addition	Remarks
<p>Article 408. No students shall be graduated from the University system unless <u>he</u> has completed at least one year of residence work which may, however, be extended for a longer period by the proper faculty.</p> <p><u>The residence work referred to must be done immediately prior to graduation in the case of the following:</u></p> <p>1. <u>A student transferee from schools other than the University of the Philippines. This residence requirement is in addition to completion of at least 50% of the required units for the course; and</u></p> <p>2. <u>A student who has been readmitted after being absent without official leave.</u></p>	<p>Article 408. No student shall be graduated from the University system unless <u>the student</u> has completed at least one year of residence work which may, however, be extended for a longer period by the proper faculty. <u>The student must have been in residence in the semester of graduation.</u></p>	<p>The approved curriculum of a degree program specifies the requirements needed to complete the program. Once requirements are completed, the student should be endorsed for graduation.</p> <p>Article 359a of the Code already specifies that a transfer student must complete a minimum 50% of units in the University.</p> <div data-bbox="1023 936 1465 1232" style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Action of the Board of Regents at its 1359th Meeting on MAR 25 2021</p> <p>APPROVAL</p>  <p>ROBERTO M.J. LARA Secretary of the University and of the Board of Regents</p> </div>
<p>Article 412. Students who are candidates for graduation with honors must have completed in the University at least 75% of the total number of academic units or hours for graduation and must have been in residence <u>therein for at least two (2) years immediately prior to graduation.</u></p>	<p>Article 412. Students who are candidates for graduation with honors must have completed in the University at least 75% of the total number of academic units or hours for graduation and must have been in residence <u>in the semester of graduation.</u></p>	<p>The approved curriculum of a degree program specifies the requirements needed to complete the program. Once requirements are completed, the student should be endorsed for graduation.</p>

NOTE: The foregoing proposal was approved by the Board of Regents at its 1352nd meeting on 30 July 2020 but only for exchange students under the proposal to enhance the UP undergraduate student international mobility.

¹ University of the Philippines System Code Chapter 64: Graduation Requirements, Articles 408, 412.