

- 4.2** The institution's curriculum is directly related and appropriate to the purpose and goals of the institution and the diplomas, certificates or degrees awarded.
(Program curriculum)

Judgment of Compliance

Compliance

Narrative

Albany State University (ASU) is in compliance with Federal Requirement 4.2, because the university maintains a curriculum that is directly related and appropriate to the purpose and goals of the institution and the diplomas, certificates, or degrees awarded.

The curriculum of Albany State University reflects the university's mission which is "to educate students and foster the growth of the region, state, and nation through teaching, research, creative expression and public service" [1]. The University offers 48 degree granting programs in the sciences, fine arts, health, humanities, education, and social services. Programs are offered at the Baccalaureate, Master's and Education Specialists degree. Course offering, core requirement and other requirements are published in the University Undergraduate [2] and Graduate [3] catalogs.

Albany State University assigns the responsibility for curriculum development and review to faculty who work in collaboration with department chairs, deans, the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Faculty Senate. For example, all academic programs are recommended by the academic department and are reviewed and approved by the departmental chairperson, the College Dean, the Curriculum and New Programs Committee chaired by the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Faculty Senate, the President, and the Chancellor's Review Board. Ongoing program review is conducted in accordance with Board of Regents Policy and Procedures [4] and with deliberate attention given to the mission of the institution and needs of ASU's students to meet ASU's curriculum requirements.

At the undergraduate level, students need a minimum of 120 credit hours to graduate and these requirements are outlined in the universities undergraduate catalog [2]. All undergraduate students must also satisfy the Core Curriculum/General Education Requirements in order to graduate. At the graduate level, students need a minimum of 36 credits to graduate [3]. For example, The University System of Georgia mandates a core curriculum as a general education foundation upon which degree programs are built [5]. The courses included in the core are consistent with the university mission and purpose to provide a liberal education to students and are appropriate for the undergraduate degrees offered. This reinforces the University's mission and supports the goal of breadth of educational experience. The Graduate Catalog provides curricular guidelines for masters and educational specialist degrees.

Supporting Documentation

[1] [University Mission, Undergraduate Catalog, Albany State --page 9](#)

[2] [Course offering, core requirement and other requirements- Undergraduate Catalog, page 37](#)

- [3] [Course offering, core requirement and other requirements- Graduate Catalog Courses, Albany State University pages pg. 19](#)
- [4] [Comprehensive Program Review , Board of Regents Policy and Procedure Manual \(- Section 205.01\)](#)
- [5] [Core Curriculum Undergraduate Catalog \(page57- 58\)](#)