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Executive Order 595 (General Education-Breadth Requirements) provides for exceptions in the case of high-unit professional major degree programs (Section VI). Exceptions to GE-Breadth requirements for students enrolled in high-unit professional degree programs may be granted by the Chancellor. The approval process is described in Executive Order 595.

Recent questions have been raised by admission and articulation officers in connection with the requirement for completion of English language (Area A) and mathematics (Area B4) for admission to upper division standing. For some majors, the GE requirement may be incorporated into the upper division courses of the major.

It is our intent to grandfather the programs already in place up to and including fall 1997. However, the approval process described in Executive Order 595 should be followed to receive approval for future high-unit major programs.

For high-unit professional degree programs already in place on your campus, please forward a copy of the approval they received previously or forward a copy of the GE-Breadth requirements for the major showing that exemption. The current exceptions will be acknowledged and approved until such time as the campus requests a modification or GE-Breadth requirements for that program.

Future program requests should be forwarded to our offices that describe the GE-Breadth request for the major in question, with a one-paragraph justification for new degree programs. The request for GE exemption should be part of the program proposal. New requests or revisions will be shared with the General Education-Breadth Advisory Committee and will not necessarily be automatically granted.

Current material or requests for future program consideration should be directed to Dr. Jolayne Service. Please direct any questions you may have to Dr. Service at (562) 985-2845.

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