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Changes to Degree Requirements: Information for
Undergraduate Students
126 to 120 minimum overall credit requirement
Elimination of IDC 200 and IDC 301 from General Education

Dear Students:

President Donovan recently approved a recommendation from Faculty Council that involves some significant changes to the undergraduate curriculum, effective for the fall 2018 semester. This email is to inform you of the changes and to give you specific information about their implementation.

The changes include:

- a reduction of six semester credits to the overall undergraduate degree requirement
- achieved by the elimination of the IDC 200 and IDC 301 courses from the General Education requirements

Please review these important details:

- Neither of the changes apply to you if you are planning to graduate this academic year (spring 2018 or summer 2018); you will finish under the current requirements.
- This will be a one-time implementation (as opposed to phased-in) with fall 2018 as the immediate effective semester.
- **Overall Minimum Credit Requirement:** Once the fall 2018 semester begins, all undergraduate students registered in fall 2018 and thereafter (no matter when you started at Bellarmine), will be switched to the new **minimum** credit requirement of 120 semester credit hours. Your Progress Tab and Program Evaluation on One Bellarmine will continue to display the Overall Minimum Credit Requirement as 126 until the end of summer semester, but will switch to 120 once fall semester begins.
Note: as has always been the case, some undergraduate programs require more than the minimum credit requirement for the degree.
- **IDC 200 and IDC 301 Elimination:** If you began your degree at Bellarmine in fall 2017 or after, you are no longer required to take IDC 200 and IDC 301. During the next few weeks, those requirements will be removed from your degree program and you will

soon see that reflected on your Progress Tab and Program Evaluation on One Bellarmine.

- **Who is still required to take IDC 200?** If you began your degree at Bellarmine under the 2016 Catalog (fall 2016, spring 2017, or summer 2017), you must take IDC 200 to graduate, but you will not be required to take IDC 301. During the next few weeks, the IDC 301 requirement will be removed from your degree program and you will soon see that reflected on your Progress Tab and Program Evaluation on One Bellarmine.
- **Who is still required to take IDC 301?** If you began your degree at Bellarmine under the 2015 Catalog (fall 2015, spring 2016, summer 2016) or earlier, you must take IDC 301 (*and IDC 200 if not yet completed*) to graduate.
- **What to do if you have not fulfilled your IDC requirements.** If you did not take IDC 200 or 301 this year (and you still need one or both of them as outlined above), there are several sections offered during the upcoming summer semester. The summer schedule is available from the Class Schedules link on the One Bellarmine landing page. Students who are unable to complete these requirements prior to the end of summer 2018 will be advised and registered into special, reserved sections by the Registrar and Student Success Center staff, working in conjunction with Dr. Graham Ellis, Director of the IDC Program, and will remain accountable for fulfilling the requirements prior to graduation. More information about options for completing IDC requirements in the fall will be available closer to fall registration.

The adjustments needed to reflect the changes to the IDC requirements on each student's degree program will take several weeks to complete. The staff in the Registrar's Office appreciates your patience as we work through this process, and we assure you that we will work with your faculty advisors to make the implementation of these policies as seamless and easy as possible.

Sincerely,

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