

SECTION 4, FEDERAL REQUIREMENT 4.4

The institution demonstrates that program length is appropriate for each of the degrees offered.

JUDGMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Compliant

Partially Compliant

Noncompliant

RATIONALE FOR JUDGMENT OF COMPLIANCE

North Georgia College & State University provides a program length that is appropriate to each degree offered. The individual program length is determined by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. The Board of Regents determined in 1996 that, the length of a student's undergraduate program of study should not exceed 120 credit hours (excludes PHED) unless special permission is given (Board of Regents Academic Affairs Handbook 2.03.01 [1]).

Exceptions to the rules, must be approved by the Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and follow the rules, guidelines, and documentation necessary approved by the Board of Regents.

The master's level and specialist level requirements vary based on the degree and the accreditation agencies and the requirements listed in the Board of Regents Academic Affairs Handbook 2.03.01 [2].

The 2004–2006 Undergraduate Bulletin [3, p. 104] and the 2004–2006 Graduate Bulletin [4, p. 27] list the degrees offered and the numbers of credit hours needed for awarding a degree in each area. A list of the accreditation agencies can be found in the 2004–2006 Undergraduate Bulletin, p. 10-11 [5, p. 13-14].

The following is a list of all programs and the corresponding number of credit hours needed for completion of the degree:

Major	Number of Sem. Hrs.
Biology	120
Biology/Secondary Education	133

Business Administration/Accounting	120
Business Administration/Finance	120
Business Administration/Management	120
Business Administration/Marketing	120
Chemistry/Professional	120
Chemistry/Non-Professional	120
Chemistry/Secondary Education	133
Art/Studio Art	120
Art/Scientific Illustration	120
Art/Education	126
Music	120
Art Marketing	120
Music/Education	130
Education/Middle Grades	126-131
Education/ECE/SPED	132
Physical Education/Education	124
Physical Education/Exercise Science	120
Physical Education/Leadership Minor	120
English/Literature Concentration	120
English/Writing & Publication	120
English/Education	123
French	120
French/Business	120
French/Education	120
Spanish	120
Spanish	120
Spanish/Business	120
Spanish/Education	120
Mathematics	120
Mathematics/Education	120
Computer Science	120
Computer Information Systems	120
A.S.N. (Nursing)	70
B.S.N. (Nursing)	127
Physics	120
Physics/Secondary Education	133
Political Science	120
Political Science/Pre-Law	120
Criminal Justice	120
Psychology	120
Sociology	

Document Reference:

Number	DB Num	Document Title	Resource
1, 2		Board of Regents, Academic Affairs Handbook, Section 2.03.01, Majors and Minors	http://www.usg.edu/academics/handbook/section2/2.03/2.03.01.phtml
3		NGCSU Undergraduate Bulletin, 2004-2006, Programs of Study	http://www.ngcsu.edu/academic/Catalog/2004_2006/index.shtml (web site) http://www.collegesource.org/displayinfo/catalink.asp?pid={B7D26C41-3189-4993-A182-5B5C65B87E21}&oig={1FD70D8E-2B26-4AEB-B696-5991983E2CD1}&vt=5 , p. 104 in PDF, p. 101 in hard copy.
4		NGCSU Graduate Bulletin, 2004-2006, Programs of Study	http://www.ngcsu.edu/enrollment/Graduate/gradBulletin/index.shtml (web site) http://www.collegesource.org/displayinfo/catalink.asp?pid={A0BA6F5B-46EF-41E2-A425-C3574803691F}&oig={1FD70D8E-2B26-4AEB-B696-5991983E2CD1}&vt=5 , p. 27 in PDF, p. 25 in hard copy.
5		NGCSU Undergraduate Bulletin, 2004-2006, Introduction, Accreditation	http://www.ngcsu.edu/academic/Catalog/2004_2006/Introduction.shtml#Accred (web site) http://www.collegesource.org/displayinfo/catalink.asp?pid={B7D26C41-3189-4993-A182-5B5C65B87E21}&oig={1FD70D8E-2B26-4AEB-B696-5991983E2CD1}&vt=5 , pp. 13-14 in PDF, pp. 10-11 in hard copy.