

Criteria for Exceptions to BDR 809.A bullet #2 - Unit requirements for major programs

Berkeley Division Regulation 809.A.bullet #2 (pertaining to College of Letters and Science majors) requires: *All major programs of whatever type must include **not fewer than 30 nor more than 60 units**, and must include **not fewer than 24 nor more than 30 units in upper division courses**. Any exceptions to these unit requirements must be submitted to the Executive Committee of the College for approval before publication and before they become effective.*

Proposals requesting exceptions to L&S unit requirements in BDR 809.A must:

1. Be submitted to the L&S Executive Committee by the program's Chair or Director.
2. Include a letter from the major's L&S Divisional Dean endorsing the request for unit changes to the major program.
3. Include curricular changes for the major that are supported by pedagogical reasons.

Exceptions to the unit requirements in BDR 809.A are rare. L&S majors should adhere to the unit requirements in division regulation 809.A. unless a pedagogical change in the curriculum is necessary and maintains the integrity of the program.