

University Curriculum Committee
Report 3/19/15

Chair: Alistair Welchman

The UCC received a memo from Larry Williams, Vice Provost and Dean of University College on 2/17 urging the removal of restrictions on Military Science Courses. Currently a maximum of 9 hours can be applied to a UTSA BA degree from Military Science Courses. The Associate Deans' Council met supports the removal of this restriction. In the memo, Dr Williams outlines several reasons:

1. There's no indication what the rationale for the limitation is
2. UTSA offers minors that require more than 9 hours of military science courses
3. The quality of the courses is comparable with other free electives, and they stress leadership skills.
4. ROTC and Airforce ROTC cadets must take more than 9 hours to be commissioned, placing a higher burden of these students.
5. Lifting the general restriction does not stop departments from imposing their own restrictions if appropriate.

The UCC recommends that the Senate agree to lifting the restriction, with 6 votes in favor and none against (and 2 members not voting)