Proposed Revision to AR 25.
*Proposed revisions appear shaded and in **bold**.*

AR 25. Institutional Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees

No changes in sections a - e

    f. **Academic Residence:**
1. A minimum of 45 of the last 75 credits**, or 150 total credits,** must be completed while the student is in academic residence at OSU. "Academic Residence" is defined as OSU courses taken as a degree-seeking student of OSU or courses through one of the following approved special programs: Professional degree programs which require that the student enroll in another institution while finishing the bachelor's degree at OSU or an international study program sponsored by the Oregon University System.
2. No change.
3. No change.

No changes in sections g – i, or footnotes

Rationale
There are examples of students who, based on the chronology or order in which they take classes, are denied their degree if they have not achieved the "minimum of 45 in the last 75" requirement.

For example there have been situations where a student may have earned as many as 170 credits from OSU but did not meet the "45 of the last 75 credits" (taken while in academic residence at OSU), while in another case a student meets the "45 of the last 75 credits" regulation, but has taken only 45 credits from OSU.

As a result:
The ARC proposes to add the phrase, "**or 150 total credits**". This provides flexibility to ensure that OSU graduates complete significant upper division coursework while in academic residence at OSU. The intent of the regulation is honored without penalizing students who take the majority of their coursework at OSU but are not able to meet the "45 of the last 75" requirement.

The "150 total credits" number was selected because it ensures that a significant portion of the upper division coursework is completed while in academic residence at OSU. For example, 150 credits effectively describes a student who has completed freshman through the 1st term of the senior year at OSU (45+45+45+15 = 150).