

POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL

WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

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SUBJECT: CLASS SIZE REQUIREMENTS

It is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that, within budgetary constraints, class size should provide for educationally functional student-teacher and student-student interaction.

As class size should be dictated by instructional methodology, anticipated learning outcomes and the availability of equipment and facilities, the following provide basic guidelines for ensuring an appropriate teaching/learning environment:

Undergraduate classes may not be offered with less than ten (10) students.

Graduate classes may not be offered with less than five (5) students.

Maximum class enrollment will be dictated by instructional procedures, room size, available laboratory equipment, and desired learning outcomes.

These guidelines may be set aside under the following conditions:

when class size is dictated by regulations established by an appropriate accrediting body, i.e. student teaching;

when an educationally sound rationale exists for limiting enrollment in a class to less than that specified by these guidelines;

when three or more students must be enrolled in a course to meet graduation requirements at the end of the semester in which the course is offered; or

when approved by the vice president of academic affairs.

Contact for Interpretation: Vice President of Academic Affairs

This policy statement supersedes all previous policy statements on this subject.

Revisions:

- 08/14/2017 – Title changes

- 12/07/1995 - Inception as policy 9.1.3

- 06/15/2004 - Reissue as 9.1.2

- 03/15/2007 - Review

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