

Senior Undergraduate Students Taking Graduate Level Courses for Graduate Credit

2019-2020 General Academic Proposal/Policy Cover Sheet

General Catalog Information

**** Read before you begin ****

This cover sheet is intended to provide information to members of the Education Policy Committee (EPC) and Faculty Senate about a new proposal/policy or about revisions to an existing proposal/policy.

Topic* Senior Undergraduate Students Taking Graduate Level Courses for Graduate Credit

Are you Proposing:*

- ☐ New academic policy or regulations .
- ☒ Change academic policy or regulations .
- ☐ Delete academic policy or regulations

Visit our current catalog [here](#) and paste the policy you're proposing to change or delete below. Then edit it to show the changes. If you are proposing a new policy, enter the text below.

Policy*

A senior at Longwood **University** may take up to six **(6)** hours of graduate credit **beyond the undergraduate degree requirements that may be counted towards the undergraduate graduate degree and graduate degrees electives in the undergraduate degree.** Such **graduate** credit may be earned only in 500-level courses and, if it meets course requirements for the degree, may be counted toward a **master's Master's master's** degree. The senior must have an overall GPA that meets the minimum GPA required for admission to the graduate program which offers the course and must receive permission from the department chair of their major and then the Dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies. In any case where an undergraduate student is registered for a 500-level course that is to be applied to a graduate degree, the Dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies must notify the Office of the Registrar of this designation.

Hierarchy Owner*

Longwood University

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BACKGROUND

Provide a brief statement describing the origins of this proposal, the nature of the problem it addresses, and the work completed to devise the proposal*

This policy is in the Undergraduate AND Graduate Catalogs.
In the undergraduate catalog on the page entitled College of Graduate and Professional Studies.
In the graduate catalog in the section entitled Graduate Admissions.

Long time policy allows seniors to take a maximum of 6 credit hours of 500-level graduate course work for graduate credit. These credits do not apply to the bachelor's degree. Financial aid policy will not allow these credits to count toward financial aid eligibility because they do not apply to the bachelor's degree. SACSCOC now allows for exceptional students, limited credits to double-count.

SACSCOC states: *Another common situation is to allow students to begin graduate work before completing the undergraduate degree, then "double-counting" some of the graduate work to award both a baccalaureate and a master's degree upon completion of the work. For exceptional students, a limited amount of this activity could easily be academically justified.*

SUMMARY

Provide a brief list or statement describing the content of the new policy or the proposed changes or deletions to an existing policy*

The change removes the following wording- *beyond the undergraduate degree requirments* -and replaces those words with- *that may be counted towards the undergraduate graduate degree* and ~~graduate-degrees~~ *electives in the undergraduate degree* -and leaves the rest of the policy intact.

RATIONALE

Provide a brief statement as to why the new policy, the proposed changes, or the deletion is needed*

Undergraduate students will now be able to take courses that move them to graduate study without being penalized in their undergraduate financial aid as the graduate credit hours will count towards full-time status.

