

Report of the Committee on Degrees
Academic Year 2006-2007

For academic year 2006-2007, the following faculty served on the Committee on Degrees: Todd Averett (Physics), Carla Buck (Modern Languages), Christy Burns (English), Larry Evans (Government) Anne Rasmussen (Music), and Elizabeth Wiley (Theatre, Speech & Dance). The Dean of Undergraduate Studies serves as chair of the committee.

Petitions fall into two categories: 1) those that the COD considers and 2) those that the Dean of Undergraduate Studies approves on behalf of the COD.

For category 1, the COD considered 69 petitions and approved 52 in AY 2005-2006. The most common requests were to:

- Waive ten-semester rule
- Waive senior residency requirement (for full academic year)
- Waive minimum 2.0 GPA requirement in major or overall
- Waive 48-hour rule in major
- Dual enrollment at W&M and other institutions
- Count non-approved courses toward GER requirements
- Count pass/fail courses toward major, minor, or GER requirements
- Allow the transfer of on-line courses
- Allow final elective credits to be taken elsewhere

For category 2, the Dean of Undergraduate Studies considered 31 formal petitions in Fall 2006 and 43 in Spring 2007. The Dean handles via email many more requests, especially those requesting course substitutions for major and minor requirements. Most were approved. The most frequent requests were to:

- Waive senior residency requirement (one semester or less)
- Retroactively transfer credit from other universities
- Change major or minor requirements
- Allow overlapping courses for major and minor
- Allow courses taken abroad to fulfill GER 4 and 5 requirements

Respectfully submitted,

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& Chair of the Committee on Degrees (2006-2007)