

Report of the Committee on Degrees
Academic Year 2007-2008

For Academic Year 2007-2008, the following faculty served on the Committee on Degrees: Todd Averett, (Physics), Larry Evans (Government), Anne Rasmussen (Music), and Michael Mehler (Theater, Speech, and Dance). The Dean for Educational Policy 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 55 in AY 2007-2008. The most common requests were to:

- Waive ten-semester rule
- Waive senior residency requirement (for full academic year)
- Waive the 48-hour rule
- Dual enrollment at W&M and other institutions
- Count non-GER courses toward GER requirements
- Count pass/fail courses toward major, minor, or GER requirements
- Take course for GER requirements or proficiencies elsewhere

For category 2, on behalf of the COD, the Dean for Educational Policy considered 37 petitions in Fall 2007 and 69 in Spring 2008. Most were approved.

- Waive senior residency requirement (one semester or less)
- Retroactively transfer credit from other universities
- Change major or minor requirements
- Count either the 275W or another course toward the freshman seminar requirement
- Allow transfer credit to satisfy major and minor requirements
- Allow courses taken elsewhere to fulfill GER 4 and 5 requirements

The Dean handles many more requests from Chairs and Program Directors for course substitutions and waivers in majors and minors. Most were approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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