

Report of the Committee on Degrees
Academic Year 2003-2004

For academic year 2003-2004, the following faculty served on the Committee on Degrees: Carla Buck (Modern Languages and Literatures; fall only), Christy Burns (English), Suzanne Hagedorn (English; spring only), Robert Kohl (Kinesiology), 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 68 petitions and approved 51 in AY 2003-2004. Some of the common requests were:

- Waive the ten-semester rule
- Waive senior residency requirement (over 7 credits)
- Waive the 48-hour rule
- Dual enrollment at W&M and other institutions
- Apply non-approved courses toward the GER requirements
- Apply Area/Sequence requirements for returning students
- Take foreign language elsewhere

For category 2, the Dean of Undergraduate Studies approved 48 petitions in Fall 2003 and 30 in Spring 2004. The most frequent requests were to:

- Waive senior residency requirement (7 or fewer credits)
- Retroactively transfer credit from other universities
- Substitutions of major and minor requirements
- Declare international or interdisciplinary major during senior year
- Apply an English course or portfolio toward the lower-division writing requirement
- Foreign language modification

Respectfully submitted,

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