

Report of the Committee on Degrees  
Academic Year 2004-2005

For Academic Year 2004-2005, the following faculty served on the Committee on Degrees: Todd Averett, (Physics), Christy Burns (English), Suzanne Hagedorn (English), 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 100 petitions and approved 74 in AY 2004-2005. 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 the 48-hour rule
- Dual enrollment at W&M and other institutions
- Count courses toward GER requirements
- Count pass/fail courses toward major, minor, or GER requirements
- Permission to fulfill foreign language requirement elsewhere

For category 2, the Dean of Undergraduate Studies considered 27 petitions in Fall 2004 and 26 in Spring 2005. 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
- Count another course toward the freshman seminar requirement
- Allow an English course or writing portfolio to meet the lower-division writing requirement
- Foreign language modification

Respectfully submitted,

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& Chair of the Committee on Degrees (2004-2005)