

Report of the Committee on Degrees
Academic Year 2010-2011

For the academic year 2010-2011, the following faculty served on the Committee on Degrees: Greg Capelli (Biology), Andrew Fisher (History), Denise Wade (Dance) and Georgia Irby-Massie (Classical Studies). The Dean of Undergraduate Studies served 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 94 petitions and approved 77 in AY 2010-2011. The most common requests were to:

- Waive the ten-semester rule
- Waive the 48-hour rule in major
- Dual enrollment at W&M and other institutions
- Count non-approved courses toward GER requirements
- Take courses for GER requirements or proficiencies elsewhere

For category 2, the Dean of Undergraduate Studies considered 76 formal petitions in Fall 2010 and 99 in Spring 2011. 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 the senior residency requirement (one semester or less)
- Retroactively transfer credit from other universities
- Change/exception in major or minor requirements
- Change grading status-pass/fail and standard grade
- Allow overlapping courses for major and minor
- Allow transfer credit to satisfy major and minor requirements
- Allow courses taken abroad to fulfill GER 4 and 5 requirements
- Allow final elective credits to be taken elsewhere

Respectfully submitted,

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