

**GRADUATE POLICY PROPOSAL:
DISSOLVING DUAL-LISTING OF COURSES
WITH HISTORY OF NO GRADUATE ENROLLMENT**

Background

From Fall terms 1993 through 1998, graduate students enrolled in dual-listed courses accounted for approximately 22% of all Graduate Student Credit Hours (SCH), and approximately 1% of all SCH generated on the campus. Yet, dual-listed courses (i.e., 500 & 600 level) make up 57% of all graduate courses listed in the 1997-1999 Graduate Bulletin. There are a number of 500 and 600 level courses currently on the curriculum ledger that play no role in educating graduate students.

This issue is worth visiting because the North Central Association, in their Accreditation Report of 1996, expressed concerns over UW-Whitewater's lack of "careful attention to the appropriate distinctions between graduate and undergraduate education..." In the following section of the report, they recommended that the university carefully review existing programs, and give special attention to such issues as "...elimination of a number of dual-level courses."

Proposed Policy

Graduate-level portions of dual-listed courses (i.e., 500 & 600 level) which have had no student enrollment for the four calendar years (12 academic terms) immediately preceding the issuance of a new bulletin shall be dropped from the list of approved courses. Special courses (i.e., those numbered in the 690's) are exempt from this policy.

Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Graduate Council. Requests for exceptions must include: an updated course outline; an indication of how the content, intensity and process of the graduate-level portion differ; a bibliography; and rationale for assuming that the course will garner graduate enrollment in future offerings.

Impact

The policy is designed to respond to the NCA concern by eliminating the 500 or 600 level portion of any dual-listed course that has proven, over the previous four years, to play no role in educating a graduate student on the campus. As such, it should not affect departments that offer 500 and 600 level courses that are required or are electives in a graduate program.

The Registrar's Office, graciously, conducted an analysis to map which departments would—were the policy currently in existence—have 500 and 600 level courses eliminated from the upcoming 2000-2002 Graduate Bulletin. Their analysis tracked graduate enrollment in 500 and 600 level courses dating back to Summer term 1995. The attached sheet indicates that the proposed policy would eliminate approximately 38% of the 500 and 600 level portions of dual-listed courses currently on the graduate curriculum ledger.

**MOCK RUN:
500/600 Level Courses That Would Be Eliminated (Since 1995)**

| Academic Unit | 500/600 Courses Offered* | 500/600 Courses Eliminated |
|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Accounting | 3 | 0 |
| Afro Amer St. | 3 | 2 |
| Art | 24 | 15 |
| Bus. Ed. | 9 | 0 |
| Biology | 21 | 21 |
| Chicano Studies | 2 | 0 |
| Curr & Instr | 10 | 0 |
| Comm Dis | 11 | 0 |
| Coaching | 3 | 0 |
| Counseling | 1 | 0 |
| Computer Science | 4 | 3 |
| Economics | 7 | 6 |
| Educational Found | 14 | 0 |
| English | 35 | 17 |
| ESL | 3 | 0 |
| Finance/B Law | 7 | 5 |
| Geography | 10 | 9 |
| History | 12 | 8 |
| Health | 8 | 1 |
| Journalism | 7 | 1 |
| Math | 14 | 5 |
| Music | 15 | 5 |
| Philosophy | 1 | 1 |
| Physics | 5 | 4 |
| Physical Ed | 16 | 8 |
| Political Science | 25 | 15 |
| Psychology | 17 | 1 |
| Race & Ethnic | 2 | 2 |
| Recreation | 4 | 1 |
| Religion | 1 | 1 |
| Safety | 10 | 1 |
| Secondary Ed | 7 | 1 |
| Sociology | 14 | 8 |
| Social Work | 11 | 3 |
| Speech | 23 | 1 |
| Special Ed | 26 | 0 |
| Theater | 10 | 9 |
| Women's Studies | 5 | 1 |
| Total | 400 | 155 |

*Does Not Include 690 Level Courses