

The School of Graduate Studies proposes the following change in graduate policy:

FROM

**Seniors Taking Graduate Courses.** UW-Whitewater undergraduate students with senior status may be allowed to take at most six graduate units at UW-Whitewater provided they have completed at least 90 semester units with at least a 2.75 overall grade point average (or 2.90 over the last half of their course work), have the written recommendation of the department chairperson of their undergraduate major and have a graduate application on file in the Graduate Studies Office. Students may download this form at <http://www.uww.edu/gradstudies/gradprogapps.xls>.

Eligibility for this privilege must be established with the Graduate Studies Office and is not available to seniors at other institutions or students who already possess a bachelor's degree. Seniors may not use graduate-level units to satisfy requirements for the bachelor's degree, and undergraduate fees will be charged for their graduate-level work.

TO

**Seniors Taking Graduate Courses.** UW-Whitewater undergraduate students with senior status may be allowed to ~~take at most six~~ complete up to nine graduate units at UW-Whitewater provided they have completed at least 90 semester units with at least a 2.75 overall grade point average (or 2.90 over the last half of their course work), have the written recommendation of the department chairperson of their undergraduate major and have a graduate application on file in the Graduate Studies Office. Students may download this form at <http://www.uww.edu/gradstudies/gradprogapps.xls>.

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## RATIONALE

- 1) The policy change facilitates degree completion by providing greater flexibility to “plus-one” (one year master degree programs).
- 2) The policy isn’t out of line with graduate policy at other UW System comprehensive institutions. See Table 1 below.

### NUMBER OF GRADUATE CREDITS ALLOWED FOR COMPLETION BY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

University	Number of Graduate Credits
UW- Eau Claire	9
UW- Green Bay	6
UW- La Crosse	6; students can request an exception
UW-Madison	6
UW- Milwaukee	6
UW-Oshkosh	Final term seniors may take a total of <u>9 graduate credits</u> (and 3 undergraduate credits), with approval from their adviser and review by the graduate studies office.
UW- Parkside	Only seniors admitted to a joint graduate/undergraduate status can take graduate credits. Under special circumstances, undergraduates in their last year may be admitted to courses offered for graduate students, subject to prior approval by their adviser, the course instructor, head of the graduate program, and the graduate dean. <u>There is not a limit to the number of graduate credits allowed for completion.</u>
UW- Platteville	Final term seniors may take up to 7 total graduate credits, if they are taking 8 undergraduate credits (with a maximum of 15 credits total).
UW- River Falls	Final term seniors may take up to 9 graduate credits, with a maximum of 15 credits total (undergraduate and graduate credits combined).
UW- Stevens Point	9
UW- Stout	Dual-level students may take up to 9 total graduate credits (in their final terms), with up to 6 graduate credits in a semester.
UW- Superior	6

*Table 1. NUMBER OF GRADUATE CREDITS ALLOWED FOR COMPLETION BY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS*