

SPECIAL REPORT
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ACADEMIC REGULATIONS UPDATES

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I. BACKGROUND

In preparing the “Academic Regulations” 2004-2005 publication, the Registrar was faced with several statements in the “Undergraduate Rights and Responsibilities, 2003-2004” that appeared out of date and/or in need of modification to conform to already established practices on our campus. The recommended changes were submitted to the AMC for review.

II. AMC ACTIONS

After review, the AMC developed the changes indicated below. The target for each change is identified according to the numbering system utilized in the publication. Terms to be deleted are indicated as ~~strikethroughs~~ and those to be added are indicated in underlined italics.

Under II. Enrollment Categories:

1. **B. Part-Time Degree-Seeking Students.**

Remove the sentence “~~Students who are not in good academic standing are required to have the approval of their undergraduate dean to change status to part time.~~”

2. **D.1. Continuing Education Degree-Seeking Students.**

Revise the following sentence: “Students admitted to degree programs in the Division of Continuing Education are normally those who need to do their coursework via evening study or via online learning.”

Under III. Academic Status:

In the first paragraph, remove the sentence “~~Academic Probation and Probation Continued status will be recorded on official transcripts only for the most recently completed semester.~~”

1. **D. Academic Suspension. 1.**

Revise the following sentence: “Suspended students are not eligible to enroll in the Division of Continuing Education ~~or the University’s Boston campus during their suspension,~~ with the exception that they may complete courses in which they already registered that are offered during the immediately subsequent Continuing Education session.”

2. **E. Academic Dismissal.**

Revise the following sentence: “Dismissed students are not eligible to enroll in the Division of Continuing Education ~~or the University’s Boston campus,~~ with the exception that they may complete courses in which they already registered that are offered during the immediately subsequent Continuing Education session.”

3. **I. Continuing Education Enrollment.**

Revise the following sentence: “Suspended or Dismissed students ~~may not enroll in courses in the Division of Continuing Education~~ are not eligible to enroll in courses in the Division of Continuing Education, with the exception that they may complete courses in which they already registered that are offered during the immediately subsequent Continuing Education session.”

4. **L. Semester Count (Total Terms). 5.**

Revise the following sentence: “The sum of the semesters calculated in each of the categories above is the semester count, generally referred to in these regulations as semesters of enrollment ~~and identified on the internal transcript as Total Terms (TT)~~ or as Total Terms.”

Under IV. Graduation Requirements:

1. To the end of the first paragraph, add the sentence “Students with an administrative withdrawal will have their graduation date determined by the date of resolution which clears the outstanding obligation.”
2. **C.3.**, delete the sentence: “~~Science courses that have a laboratory component are given an additional designation (BSL, PSL) for informational purposes, but a laboratory component is not necessary in order to fulfill the requirements.~~”
3. Interdisciplinary courses: While no student is required to take an Interdisciplinary course, a student may elect to substitute up to three Interdisciplinary courses, designated (I) or (SI) for some General Education requirements. No substitutions may be made for College Writing (CW), Basic Math Skills (R1) or Analytic Reasoning (R2). Students may substitute up to three Interdisciplinary (~~I~~) courses in the other areas subject to the following restrictions: ~~that~~ a) a All students must take at least one course in each of the following areas: Literature (AL), Historical Studies (HS), Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB), Biological Sciences (BS), and Physical Sciences (PS). b) An Interdisciplinary course will fulfill a Social and Cultural Diversity requirement only if it carries both the Interdisciplinary and Diversity designations (IU or IG). c) Only courses that carry an SI designation can be used to fulfill a Biological Sciences (BS) or a Physical Sciences (PS) requirement.
4. add a new **H.**, which reads: “Students with any administrative withdrawals on their records cannot be cleared for graduation.”

Under V. Registration in and Withdrawal from Courses:

1. **C. Five College Interchange Registration. 1.**, Revise the following sentence: “Special Students and ~~Non-Degree~~ Continuing Education Students are not eligible.”
2. **H. Course Loads. 1.**, Revise the following sentence: “The maximum credit load for a semester is established by each school or college and usually varies from 17 to 19.”
3. **I. Auditing.** Revise the first paragraph as follows: “A registered undergraduate student may audit a course and have that audit recorded on the official transcript (as a zero in the ~~credit~~ Units Earned column and in the grade column as “AUD”) provided that:”
4. **I. Auditing. 4.**, Revise the following sentence: “In the event that the instructor reports that an audit ~~is~~ was not completed successfully, the course ~~can~~ will be expunged from the student’s record.”

Under XI. Majors, Minors, and Related Programs:

1. item **B. Double Major. 2.**, Revise the following sentence: “A student declares a primary and secondary major ~~with his or her Undergraduate Dean, and submits~~ by submitting to the Registrar’s Office the Change of Major form declaring these majors, preferably by the end of the sophomore year.”

III. AMC RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council unanimously supports the proposed changes in the “Academic Regulations” publication with the following Motion for the Faculty Senate:

MOVED: 56-05 That the Faculty Senate approve the changes to the “Academic Regulations,” as recommended by the Academic Matters Council in Sen. Doc. No. 05-049.