

LEHMAN COLLEGE  
OF THE  
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF GRADUATE STUDIES

**CURRICULUM CHANGE**

1. **Type of Change:** *Change in Degree Requirements*

2. **From:**

**Graduate Courses for Undergraduate Credit**

~~Seniors may take graduate courses for undergraduate credit under the same tuition conditions as those of their undergraduate courses, provided that they have a 3.0 cumulative index and a 3.0 index in the area in which they wish to take the course. They must secure a recommendation from the department and approval from the Office of Academic Standards and Evaluation (Shuster Hall, Room 280). Graduate courses taken for undergraduate credit cannot be used toward a graduate program.~~

3. **To:**

Undergraduate students with a declared major who are not registered for a dual degree program, have completed at least 90 credits with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above and who satisfy necessary pre-requisites may enroll in a total of twelve graduate credits during their senior year.

Graduate courses may not count towards Pathways requirements or the residency requirement for the major/minor. Graduate courses will be counted towards the calculation of Dean's List, Presidential Scholars, and departmental honors.

Grading will occur on the following system: A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, and F.

Tuition will be charged in accordance with the tuition and fee manual. Full-time undergraduate students who receive permission to take graduate courses will be charged the undergraduate tuition rate for graduate courses which are applicable to the student's undergraduate degree. (within the 120 credits required for graduation). If the student is part-time, the graduate rate will be charged for graduate courses and the undergraduate rate for undergraduate courses. Students receiving financial aid in the form of grants and/or loans should confirm that the additional charges will be covered by their aid by speaking to a Financial Aid Counselor.

Students who meet the eligibility requirements must get approval from the graduate program advisor and the Office for Graduate Studies.

**4. Rationale (Explain how this change will impact learning outcomes of the department and Major/Program):**

The change in policy allows students to earn a maximum of 12 graduate course credits to satisfy open elective credit during their senior year. This policy change will coincide with a change in graduate policy which will allow these credits to transfer into the student's graduate work at Lehman.

The changes in this policy will function similarly to existing dual degree programs. Student's undergraduate coursework will be allowed to count towards both the undergraduate and graduate degree programs and students will pay undergraduate tuition for all graduate coursework taken up to 120 credits. Students will also remain aid eligible throughout their undergraduate studies.

At the graduate level, department participation in this program will be voluntary. It is anticipated that many existing graduate programs will utilize this program as a means of accelerating high performing student's graduate coursework.

**5. Date of departmental approval: January 8, 2015**