

Final Report of the Weinberg Curricular Policies Committee for 2009-2010

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The Weinberg College Curricular Policies Committee studies and makes recommendations to the faculty about policy matters above the level of individual courses. These include degree requirements, systems of course credit and grading, the creation or termination of department and program majors and minors, and rules and regulations affecting the College's academic programs.

This year the committee approved changing the name of the committee overseeing departmental honors and certain other College awards for students. A change from the "Committee on Superior Students and Honors" to the "Committee on Undergraduate Academic Excellence" was recommended to the Weinberg faculty and was approved on April 20, 2010.

The committee clarified the rule for double-counting courses toward a SESP concentration and a WCAS adjunct major; previous wording of our policy did not explicitly address adjunct majors. The new wording, corresponding to that already adopted by SESP, is as follows:

A SESP student may count a maximum of three courses toward both the SESP concentration and a Weinberg stand-alone major, a maximum of two courses toward both the SESP concentration and a Weinberg adjunct major, and a maximum of two courses toward both the SESP concentration and a Weinberg minor.

The committee also met several times to address consequences of the University's lifting of the ban on online course work. Outcomes of these discussions include the following:

- The committee decided that, at the present time, the prohibition on accepting online coursework toward a Weinberg College degree should be maintained.
- The committee explored possible pilot collaborations with the Center for Talent Development (CTD) and the School of Continuing Studies (SCS), both experienced with online learning. CTD may offer one Weinberg College course online in 2010-11. SCS may offer a few online undergraduate courses as a pilot project in Summer 2011.

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