

WESTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

Memorandum

To: Dr. Neely, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

From: Dr. Stonecipher, Graduate Programs Director

Date: February 16, 2011

Re: Graduate policy proposal: to allow a maximum of 15 credits of graduate coursework taken when a graduate student is enrolled as nonadmit student to be used in an endorsement or degree program

Current policy:

Nonadmit students can take a maximum of 8 credits per term, but there is no limit on the total number of credits that can be used in an endorsement or degree program.

Proposal

Policy proposal: allow a maximum of 15 credits of nonadmit graduate coursework to be applied to an endorsement or degree program.

Rationale:

- The proposal aligns graduate policy at WOU with policies at other OUS campuses. For example:
 - U. of Oregon: 15 credit maximum earned as postbac, pre-master, or taken through CEP can be applied to a master's program
 - SOU: 15 credit maximum earned prior to regular admission to a master's degree program can be used for a master's program
 - OSU: 15 credits maximum can be applied to a 45-credit master's program; 6 credits maximum can be applied to an 18 credit certificate
- This is consistent with the 15 credit maximum transfer policy.

Policy review process:

If approved, this policy would be effective Fall 2011.

Notes:

- The Graduate Studies Committee approved this proposal on February 15, 2011.
- The Provost approved this proposal on February 16, 2011.