

Modifications to the Freshman Rule

Policy Memorandum No. 153

Recommended by the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies

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The University Council, on recommendation of the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies, unanimously approved a resolution modifying the Freshman Rule to: 1) allow limited relief for transfer students, and 2) allow limited relief for Freshmen students with advanced standing credits.

Following is the text of the resolution as adopted by University Council:

WHEREAS, the adjustment problems that transfer students have are present, but different, from those of students taking college courses for the first time;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a policy of limited relief for transfer students be adopted, and

- 1) Transfer students entering Virginia Tech with more than 28 hours accepted, may petition to delete one course (up to 4 semester credit hours from their grade average calculation, and
- 2) The course must have been taken during the first thirteen (13) hours attempted at Virginia Tech, and
- 3) The petition must be made no later than the semester in which the student has attempted his or her 30th semester hour at Virginia Tech, and
- 4) In all other respects, the policy is identical to the current Freshman Rule.

AP credits, Freshman Students with Advanced Standing, and the Freshman Rule

WHEREAS, under present policy, freshman students with advanced standing may be entirely prevented from using the Freshman Rule if they have more than 28 such credits, and

WHEREAS, some students may have greater limits on its use from larger numbers of such credits, and

WHEREAS, these students have demonstrated a high level of academic performance before coming to Virginia Tech, and

WHEREAS, these students have not necessarily achieved the maturity necessary to succeed in the college environment,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that advanced standing credits NOT be counted in determining eligibility for the Freshman Rule for freshman students at Virginia Tech.

Freshman students are defined as those who have attempted less than 12 semester hours of college-level work since high school graduation. Freshman with advanced standing includes freshman who have credits towards graduation. These may include Advanced Placement Examination Credits, dual enrollment credits, International Baccalaureate credits, among others.

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