Cross-listing of Graduate and Undergraduate Courses

Overview Statement
At the University of Detroit Mercy, graduate programs play a vital role in the mission of the University. As the home of scholarship and research, graduate programs provide opportunities through advanced instruction and experience in research for a qualified student to master an area of knowledge, add to its store, and disseminate it to others\(^1\).

Graduate education is both more concentrated and more intellectually demanding than undergraduate education. In addition, faculty and graduate students should interact frequently with opportunities for individual student-faculty discussion and advising.

Graduate faculty should possess terminal degrees appropriate to the instruction they provide and be engaged in scholarship involving research and practice as appropriate to the discipline or field\(^2\).

In keeping with North Central Accreditation Standards, full and accurate information will be provided to students and to the public about graduate offerings, appropriately distinguishing among free-standing courses, certificate programs, and degree programs.

Standards
To ensure the academic quality of graduate programs at the University of Detroit Mercy there are the following four standards:

1. Graduate courses may be cross-listed only with 4--- level undergraduate courses unless a specific exception is granted by the Graduate Program Review Committee.
   
   a. Internship and practicum courses are exempt from the standard.
   
   b. Independent research or directed reading courses (e.g., 5950, 5990) may be cross-listed with lower- or upper-division undergraduate courses provided graduate students are subject to additional requirements (see #2 below).

2. All cross-listed graduate courses must provide a separate graduate syllabus to students that specifies graduate-level learning outcomes appropriate to the field of study (e.g., exams, papers, projects, problem sets, responsibility for lecturing or leading discussions). Ongoing responsibility for monitoring compliance with this standard will reside within the academic unit. The Graduate Program Review Committee will only monitor this standard during regular program review.
a. Students enrolled for graduate credit must present work that is significantly more rigorous in both depth of study and methodology.

b. When making qualitative evaluations of student work, faculty must hold graduate students to a higher standard.

3. For all courses that are routinely cross-listed, an explicit statement must be included in the undergraduate and graduate course catalogs to indicate that a course is cross-listed for undergraduate credit.

4. Cross-listed courses taken at the undergraduate level should not be repeated as graduate courses for graduate credit.

5. Programs will be allowed two (2) academic years, from the date of ALT approval of this policy, to become compliant with the items detailed above.

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