

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Chairs, Graduate Advisors

FROM: Philip Cohen
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RE: New C Grade and POW Policy

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cc: Robert Witt, President; George Wright, Executive Vice President and Provost;
Graduate School Staff

At the November 15th meeting of the Graduate Assembly, the following policy relating to graduate admissions and graduate students was approved. This new policy is effective immediately.

C Grades and Programs of Work:

Currently, the Graduate School allows regularly enrolled graduate students to apply courses in which a grade of C was earned to their POWs (Graduate Catalog, p. 31). Other than maintaining a B average, no other factor constrains the use of C grades. Thus a graduate student's POW may include courses in which a C was earned as long as each C is balanced by an A to maintain the B average needed to earn a graduate degree. Undergraduates, degreed undergraduates and special students who earn Cs in graduate courses, however, cannot apply these courses to their POWs when they subsequently enroll as graduate students (Graduate Catalog, pp. 34, 44-45). The policy concerning C grades in graduate courses earned by undergraduates, degreed undergraduates, and special students seems unfair and inconsistent. The Graduate Assembly thus decided that the rule for C grades earned by regularly enrolled graduate students should also apply for C grades earned by degreed undergraduates, undergraduates, and special students.

Please notify your graduate faculty of this change.