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I. INTRODUCTION

The following are the college-wide standards for program entrance, retention, and exit.

II. DEFINITIONS

N/A

III. POLICY

Every major program at The College has set standards for allowing students to remain in their major program, to transfer within The College from one major program to another, and to graduate from a major program. The following are the college-wide standards for program entrance, retention, and exit. Students should contact the departmental chairperson or advisor for information about the specific standards used by an individual program.

1. All programs have a specific requirement for student retention in their respective majors, consisting of a designated performance standard in at least one and no more than three "critical content" courses that represent the essential nature of the discipline and upon which advanced courses are based.
2. Academic programs may add entrance requirements for internal transfer students. There should be at most two such entrance requirements for each program or major. Entrance requirements may include such things as

specific gateway courses or evaluations, an essay, a meeting or interview (with specific, published goals), a performance or portfolio evaluation, or a combination of the above.

3. Except in cases where explicit grade point average (GPA) standards are mandated for national or state accreditation or certification, programs have an exit/graduation standard of a GPA of 2.0 in courses required within their respective majors. This may include courses required for the major but offered outside the major department.
4. Programs may set an additional graduation/exit standard requiring a minimum grade of C- in some or all courses required in the major.