
POLICY OF THE COURSE OF STUDY COMMITTEE
ON UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE COURSES

Double-Listed Undergraduate/Graduate Courses

The Course of Study Committee has been concerned about the recent proliferation of double-listed undergraduate/graduate courses, and would like to clarify the rules governing these hybrids.

It is our understanding that only courses meeting quite specific standards merit this joint designation. Basically, such courses should have a subject matter and requirements suitable for an undergraduate curriculum. This, of course, does not preclude the addition of further requirements for graduate students and, indeed, this is the normal pattern for such courses. Typically, a split undergraduate/graduate course should expect to enroll a significant number of undergraduates. A course that will enroll only one or two undergraduates is better conceived as a graduate offering with undergraduates admitted with special permission. Finally, it is our understanding that undergraduate/graduate courses will conform to the time schedule of offerings in Yale College.

Graduate courses *per se* will obviously continue to be open with permission to undergraduate students. As before, properly qualified undergraduates may enroll in an unlimited number of courses in the Graduate School with the permission of the instructor and the DGS. Undergraduates in these courses are expected to do graduate-level work and the courses are listed by their graduate numbers on their transcripts.

We are concerned to clarify the status of undergraduate/graduate courses because the traditional and salutary distinction between the two levels of work is beginning to be blurred. An undergraduate who fulfills the requirements for a graduate course should be given credit for doing so. At the same time, a course bearing an undergraduate designation should have a subject matter and the requirements suitable for an undergraduate curriculum.