

CGSP RESOLUTION CGSP 2007-08B  
4000 Level Courses Offered for Graduate Credit

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**Policy adopted by CGS&P regarding 4000 level courses offered for graduate credit**

**Whereas**, to be in compliance with SACS accreditation guidelines Virginia Tech must show that its post-baccalaureate degree programs are, “progressively more advanced in academic content than undergraduate programs.”

**Whereas**, there has been a proliferation, over time, of 4000-level courses “approved for graduate credit” (approximately 700 courses), making it difficult to monitor and assess whether graduate-level content is present,

**Whereas**, the difference between 4000-level courses and 4000 level courses “approved for graduate credit” can not easily be demonstrated at the present time, and

**Whereas**, no new 4000 levels courses will be approved for graduate credit effective Fall '08, and implementation will occur in 2008-2009,

**Whereas**, the current policy, as stated in the GRADUATE CATALOG, is that only 4000 level courses “approved for graduate credit” are allowed to satisfy graduate program requirements, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the “approved for graduate level” status on all 4000-level courses be eliminated, but to assure that an adequate number of course offerings are available for graduate students let it further be

**Resolved**, that 4000-level courses “approved for graduate credit” important to an academic unit’s graduate offerings will be converted to 4000/5000 level conjoint courses and that the new 5000-level course would have additional identifiable graduate level learning outcomes different from its 4000-level conjoint course offering; and that it further be

**Resolved**, that up to 6 credits of upper division (4000) undergraduate credit will be allowed to count toward meeting graduate program requirements.