

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE
April 30, 2025

The Undergraduate AP&P Committee met on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 3:00 pm via Zoom.

Committee members present: Dr. Whitney Bevill, Dr. Shannon Cline, Dr. Chris Cook, Dr. Ed Hassler, Dr. Tanga Mohr, Dr. Brad Nash, Dr. Manan Roy, Dr. Al Schwab, Dr. Katy Strand, Dr. Teresa Sumrall, Dr. Anne Ward, Dr. Wendy Xie

Committee members excused: Dr. Alan Arnholt

Committee members not excused: Bri Armijo, Dr. Susan Lappan, Jilian Schulte, Dr. Jennifer Westerman

At 3:07 p.m. Dr. Ed Hassler called the meeting to order.

*REMINDER: Curriculum changes approved at the April 30, 2025 UAP&P Committee meeting will be **EFFECTIVE: FALL 2026** unless noted otherwise.*

Approval of Minutes

- March 5, 2025

VOTE 1 – To approve the minutes from March 5, 2025 - PASSED

Subcommittees

- **The Joint AP&P Subcommittee met and does not have recommendations at this time.**

Announcements/FIOs

- Effective April 1 Mark Ginn will no longer serve as Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education. Mark will return to his faculty role in the Department of Mathematical Sciences.
- FIO - Semester Offerings Changes - None
- FIO – QEP Courses approved for the Climate Studies attribute – Effective Fall 2025
 - BIO 3312 – Environmental Studies
 - GES 1050 – Conservation of Natural Resources in a Changing Climate
 - P_S 4675 – Climate Change in Action
 - SNH 3085 – Sustainability and Climate Change in the Spanish-speaking World
 - REL 2310 – Religion, Sustainability, and the Environment
 - PHY 1830 – The Physical Principles of Energy and Sustainability
 - PHY 2220 – Physics of Food and Cooking
 - PHY 3140 – Environmental Physics
 - SOC 3150 – Environmental Sociology
 - R_C 2001 (CRN 11576 only) – Introduction to Writing Across the Curriculum

- ANT 4360 Primate Conservation
 - GHY 1010 Global Environmental Systems
 - GHY 1011 Global Climate Change
 - GHY 1012 Global Change of Biosphere
 - GHY 1040 Human Geography and Social Justice
 - GHY 2035 Global Refugees & Asylum–Forced Migration Across Borders
 - GHY 2050 Climate Disasters and Public Health
 - GHY 2055 Nature and Culture of Climate Change
 - GHY 2700 Food Justice: Geographic Perspectives
 - GHY 3005 Global Health and Disease
 - GHY 3100 Weather and Climate
 - GHY 3230 Political Geography and Society
 - PLN 2100 Healthy and Just Cities
 - PLN 2410 Town, City, and Regional Planning
 - PLN 4030 Planning for Climate Resilience
 - PLN 4460 Environmental Policy & Planning
 - GLS 3230 Global Health and Climate Change
 - WRC 3203 Why Art?: Creative Responses to the Environment
 - GES 1103 Environmental Change, Hazards, and Resources
 - GES 3140 Quantifying Environmental Change
 - HIS 1170 Preservation, Sustainability, and Climate Action
 - IDS 3230/ART 3230 Photography as Social Critique
 - GER 3022 Nature and Culture in the German-Speaking World
 - PHL 2015 Environmental Ethics
 - MTL 4825 Non-Fiction Film and Video
 - MTL 4830 Media Literacy
 - COM 3117 Environmental Communications
 - COM 3312 Crisis Communication
 - SD 2610 Science for Sustainability
 - SD 3100 Principles of Agroecology
 - SD 3380 Climate Change, Migration, and Sustainable Development
 - SD 3610 Issues in Environmental Sustainability
 - UCO 2552 UCO 2552 Climate Responses & Response-Ability
 - ECO 4621 Environmental Economics and Policy
 - MKT 4630 Digital Transformation in Marketing
- FIO – Courses approved for the Foundations of American Democracy attribute – Effective Fall 2025
 - HIS 3728 History of North Carolina
 - IDS 2000 The Idea of America
 - WRC 1103 Investigations (Local): Democracy An Owners Manual (only this section)

New Business (Total 3)

Deans Council (2)

Beaver College of Health Sciences (1)

Proposals from Deans Council (2) - Effective Fall 2025

U_DC_2024_6 Update the Returning Students/Readmission policy. The revised policy is at the end of the minutes.

U_DC_2024_7 Update the undergraduate Graduation with Degree Honors policy.

Graduation with Degree Honors

To be eligible for graduation with Latin Honors, degree-seeking undergraduate students must complete, in residence at Appalachian, a minimum of 30 semester hours. (Note: Credit for which a grade is not awarded will not be used in the determination of honors-e.g., APP, CLEP, credit by examination, credit for military service, credit for prior learning, etc.) Students who return to Appalachian State University under Academic Forgiveness are not eligible for Latin Honors. A minimum grade-point average of 3.45 is required for graduating cum laude; a minimum grade point average of 3.65 is required for graduating magna cum laude; and a minimum grade-point average of 3.85 is required for graduating summa cum laude. The GPA used to recognize candidates for Latin honors (during the Commencement ceremony) is the cumulative GPA earned through the immediately preceding (not the current) semester.

VOTE 2 – To approve the proposals from Deans Council - PASSED

Proposal from the Beaver College of Health Sciences – Effective Fall 2026

Department of Health and Exercise Science (1)

U_HS_HES_2024_58 Change the course prefix of **P_H 1105 – Health and Fitness (2)** [DELETE P_H 1105 and ADD KIN 1105] to read as follows:

KIN 1105 - Health and Fitness (2)

When Offered: Fall; Spring

GEN ED: Wellness Literacy

Emphasis on health and fitness trends in America, fitness and health testing concepts, exercise prescription, nutrition principles, prevention and treatment of chronic diseases such as heart disease, obesity, cancer, diabetes mellitus, and osteoporosis, the relationship between health habits and aging and psychological health, stress management, and precautions in exercise. Each student will have their health and physical fitness status tested, including results on personal cardiorespiratory, body composition, and musculoskeletal fitness status, and personal diet, heart disease, health age, and stress profiles.

VOTE 3 – To approve the proposals from the Department of Health and Exercise Science - PASSED

Old Business

Other

Adjournment

VOTE 4 – To approve the motion to adjourn - PASSED

The recommendations from the April 30, 2025 Undergraduate Academic Policies and Procedures Committee meeting are approved.

Neva Specht

5/12/2025

Neva J. Specht, Ph.D.

Date

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

Policy: Returning Students/Readmission

Objective: To align our undergraduate readmission policy absentee period with the revised graduate-level policy, remove barriers for students wishing to return after a withdrawal or short period of absence, and ensure our policies align with peer institutions that allow longer periods of absence before readmission is required.

Desired Outcomes:

1. Alignment with Graduate Policy: Adopt a similar approach to the graduate-level policy, allowing students in good standing to return within one calendar year without reapplying.
2. Removing Barriers: Reduce the steps required for students who wish to return after a withdrawal, short period of absence, or are involved in non-credit-bearing activities only, thereby encouraging their continued education.
3. Extended Absence Period: Extend the allowable period of absence required before readmission in alignment with peers who have successful re-enrollment programs and in keeping with recommendations from ReUp, App State's third-party partner in student re-enrollment.

Current Policy:

Returning Students/Readmission

Any previously enrolled Appalachian undergraduate student who has not been enrolled in classes in a major term (fall/spring) or has had a break in enrollment must apply for readmission to the university. For more information on how to apply and deadlines for readmission, please visit the Office of the Registrar's website at registrar.appstate.edu and click on Readmission.

(Location: In the [Enrollment Management Policy](#) section in the Undergraduate Bulletin)

Proposed Policy:

Returning Students/Readmission

Any previously enrolled undergraduate student who has not been enrolled in classes for more than one calendar year or who left on academic suspension must apply for readmission to the university. For more information on how to apply and deadlines for readmission, please visit the Office of the Registrar's website at registrar.appstate.edu and click on "Readmission."

Note: The [Withdrawal from the University](#) policy references the readmission policy and will need an editorial revision:

- Remove: Regardless of the Committee's decision, should a student wish to return to the university in a later semester/term, they are required to reapply and complete any requirements for [readmission](#) by the stated deadlines.

References:

Revised Graduate Level policy:

Leave of Absence and Readmission

A graduate student who has begun work toward a graduate degree but who is not enrolled at Appalachian during a specific Fall or Spring academic term will be officially classified as being on leave. A student who is on leave of absence will have no access to university resources, and cannot schedule and pass a thesis or dissertation defense, nor take comprehensive or qualifying examinations. Unless restricted by the program, all students in good standing may return to their program within 1 calendar year without being required to reapply. Students who have not enrolled in classes for more than one calendar year, or were not in good academic standing at the time of leave, must apply for readmission. A leave of absence alone has no effect on the time limit for degree completion. The time limit associated with the degree, beginning from the year of admission, will remain the same including the time spent on leave. (Time Limit Requirements)

Readmission After Suspension

Students who have been suspended for academic deficiencies or for other reasons should submit their requests for readmission to their program directors, who will, in turn, make an appeal to the Graduate School. Consideration of requests for readmission of students who have been suspended for any reason will be made in light of the applicant's ability, evidence of growth and maturity, credits earned at another institution, and time elapsed since leaving Appalachian.

Associated (University or UNC) Policy:

Note: The UNC System does not have a specific policy on Readmission.

Comparison Data from UNC and Peer Institutions

Institution	Requirements	Link
UNC-Chapel Hill	Return survey after one full semester of absence	Link
NC State	Absence of fall or spring semester	Link
UNC Charlotte	Absence of 12 consecutive months	Link
East Carolina	Absence of a full semester or longer	Link
UNC Wilmington	Absence of two or more consecutive semesters (fall/spring)	Link
UNC Greensboro	Absence of two or more consecutive terms (excluding summer)	Link
Bowling Green	Absence of a full semester or longer	Link

Cal Poly	Absence of three consecutive quarters	Link
College of Charleston	Absence of a full semester or longer	Link
Grand Valley State	Absence of one calendar year	Link
Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Absence of two or more consecutive semesters (fall/spring)	Link
James Madison	Absence of one or more semesters	Link
Miami University	Absence of a full semester or longer	Link
West Chester University	Absence of three or more semesters	Link
Western Michigan	Absence of one calendar year	Link
Western Washington	Absence of one or more quarters (excluding summer)	Link