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## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE

### Curriculum

Haverford is a liberal arts college, and its curriculum is designed to help its students develop the capacity to learn, to understand, to think critically, to make sound and thoughtful judgments, and to contribute to knowledge. Haverford's degree requirements seek to accomplish these objectives through breadth of study (as embodied in general education requirements) and depth of study (as embodied in the departmental major requirement).

The following General Education requirements apply to all current Haverford College students, including those who matriculate in Fall 2017. New General Education requirements will be implemented in the next academic year and apply only to students who matriculate in Fall 2018 and beyond.

### Guidelines for a Liberal Arts Education

A liberal arts education requires a sense of the breadth of human inquiry and creativity. The human mind has explored the myriad facets of our physical and social environments; it has produced compelling works of art, literature, and philosophy. Every student is encouraged to engage a full range of disciplines—fine arts, the written word, empirical investigation, economy, and society—in order to become a broadly educated person. As a step toward this goal, students must fulfill the following requirements:

### First-Year Writing Requirement

As an essential tool for academic study, personal expression, and civic life, writing deserves concerted attention in a liberal arts education. A one-semester writing seminar is a general degree requirement of the College, and it must be taken by all first-year students. Writing seminars are courses that integrate writing instruction with scholarly inquiry into particular disciplinary or topical foci. They devote attention to strategies for performing critical analysis, constructing sound arguments, and crafting effective prose. WS-I (Writing Intensive) sections, taught in the fall semester, do not alone fulfill the writing requirement but serve as preparation for writing seminar courses in the spring semester. Students are advised to

take other courses as well in which writing receives substantial attention.

### Language Requirement

Competency in a language other than one's own, ancient or modern, serves many ends. It deepens an appreciation of one's own language and culture, increases sensitivity and understanding of the nature of language itself, enables the student to gain a far more intimate understanding of different cultures than is possible through translations, and allows greater participation in an increasingly globalized world. Furthermore, with regard to specific disciplinary ends, many graduate programs require a reading knowledge of at least two languages other than English.

For these reasons, Haverford requires all of its students to complete two semesters of college-level study of a language other than English by the end of the junior year. This requirement may be satisfied in one of the following three ways:

- One full year of language study in one language at the level in which the student is placed by the appropriate Haverford language department; or
- Language study in a course conducted under Haverford's approved Study Abroad Programs, and as certified in advance by the chair of the relevant language department at either Haverford or Bryn Mawr or by the Educational Policy Committee (EPC) when the language has no corresponding department at either Haverford or Bryn Mawr; or
- Language study in a summer program administered by Bryn Mawr in the country of the language if that program is an intensive, total-immersion program, fully equivalent to a full year of language study and certified as such by the chair of a Haverford or Bryn Mawr language department.

Language courses may be taken at Haverford or at any of the cooperating colleges: Bryn Mawr, Swarthmore, and with advisor and registrar permission, the University of Pennsylvania. The Haverford department, however, must determine placement. Except as noted above, this requirement may not be fulfilled by language study in a summer school. One full academic year of language study is the minimum

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requirement, and language courses do not satisfy the divisional requirement.

### **Divisional Requirement**

In addition to fulfilling the writing and language requirements noted above, students are required to complete a minimum of three course credits in each of the three divisions of the curriculum: Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences. At least two departments must be represented within each division must be represented, and one of the nine course credits must be quantitative as described below.

All courses taken Pass/Fail may be converted to a numerical grade if a student chooses to uncover the numerical grade on their transcript. Any course for which a numerical grade is recorded—even if initially taken Pass/Fail—may count towards the fulfillment of requirements in a student's major, minor, or concentration; the quantitative requirement; the divisional requirement; and the language requirement.

### **Quantitative Requirement**

Quantitative reasoning is an extremely important skill. The impact of science and technology in the modern world is enormous. Those who lack the ability to apply elementary quantitative methods to the world around them are at a severe disadvantage. Therefore, students must successfully complete at least one course credit that focuses on quantitative reasoning. Quantitative courses provide experience in some of the following:

- Elementary statistical reasoning;
- Other widely applicable types of mathematical reasoning;
- Working with, manipulating, and judging the reliability of quantitative data;
- Generating and understanding graphical relationships;
- Representing theoretical ideas in mathematical language and using mathematics to obtain concrete numerical predictions about natural or social systems.

The quantitative requirement must be fulfilled by the end of the junior year.

It is important to note again that all courses taken Pass/Fail may be converted to a numerical grade if a student chooses to uncover the numerical grade on their transcript. Any course for which a numerical grade is recorded—even if initially taken Pass/Fail—may count towards the

fulfillment of requirements in a student's major, minor, or concentration; the quantitative requirement; distribution requirement; and the language requirement.

### **Departmental Major Requirement**

Each student must meet the requirements for a departmental or independent major program. During the fourth semester of attendance, or earlier only in the case of transfer students, all students should confer with the chair of the department in which they wish to major and apply for written approval of a plan of courses for their final four semesters. Such programs must provide for the completion, by the end of the senior year, of approximately 12 course credits or the equivalent, at least six of which must be in the major department and the others in closely related fields.

Students are accepted into major programs according to the following rules:

- Acceptance is automatic with an earned average of 2.7 or above in preliminary courses in the department concerned;
- Acceptance is at the discretion of the chair of the major department if the average in such courses falls between 2.0 and 2.7;
- Acceptance is rare but may be contingent upon further work in the department if the average falls below 2.0;
- A student who is not accepted as a major by any department will not be permitted to continue at the College.

Students who have been formally accepted as majors by any department have the right to remain in that department as long as they are making satisfactory progress in the major. Each student is expected to file with the registrar by the date specified in the academic calendar, a copy of their major declaration form approved by the chair of the major department. Haverford students may major at Bryn Mawr College on the same terms as those that apply to Bryn Mawr students and, with the proper permissions, at Swarthmore College.

The College affirms the responsibility of each department to make the work in the major field as comprehensive as possible for the student. There is need, in the senior year especially, to challenge the student's powers of analysis and synthesis and to foster the creative use of the knowledge and skills that have been acquired in previous studies. There is also the need to

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evaluate the performance of the senior in the major field, not only to safeguard the academic standards of the College, but also to help the student's self-evaluation at an important moment. In short, synthesis and evaluation in some form are both essential and may be achieved by various means as specified by the major departments in their statement of major requirements:

- A senior departmental study course culminating in a comprehensive exam; or
- A thesis or advanced project paper; or
- A course or courses specially designed or designated; or
- Some combination of these or other means.

To avoid undue specialization in a major program, at least 19 of the 32 course credits required for graduation must be taken outside of a student's major field of study. For this purpose, courses that are cross-listed in several departments are considered to be outside the major field of study. There are four exceptions to this limitation:

- The limitation does not apply to certain majors at Bryn Mawr College;
- The limitation does not apply to majors in the Classics Department;
- The limitation does not apply to those students who study abroad in programs, such as those at Cambridge or Oxford, where reading in one subject for the entire year is the norm;
- This limitation does not apply to double majors, but such students must still earn a certain minimum number of course credits outside the two majors. The number of course credits required outside the majors will depend on the total number of credits required by the two majors.

### Credit Requirement

To graduate from Haverford, a student must complete the equivalent of four years of academic work, or a minimum of 32 course credits. Eight of these 32 course credits must be taken on the Haverford campus.

## OTHER CURRICULAR OPTIONS TO FULFILL THE DEGREE REQUIREMENT

### Pre-College Credits

Entering students should arrange to have Advanced Placement scores forwarded directly

to the Office of the Registrar at Haverford College. The registrar will award one course credit for an AP score of 5 and one-half course credit for a score of 4. No credit is awarded for scores under 4. The maximum AP credit awarded to any student may not exceed four course credits.

Credits earned in summer school, in the Advanced Placement program, in "A" Levels, in the International Baccalaureate Program, the French Baccalaureate Program, the German Abitur, and the Swiss Maturité, or in college courses taken either before matriculation at Haverford or during the summers as a Haverford student will be recorded in such a way that the total for any one student does not exceed four course credits. Students should note that general education requirements are not satisfied by any such work, with the exception of summer credits earned during the student's years at the College.

### Independent Majors and Double Majors

Students with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 may propose the design of an independent major. Such majors must have the approval of the Committee on Student Standing and Programs (CSSP); interested students are encouraged to consult the CSSP web pages for additional information regarding the independent major option. Furthermore, a member of the Haverford or Bryn Mawr College faculty must serve as the student's advisor and also must agree to supervise the student's senior project or thesis. Students interested in pursuing an independent major at Bryn Mawr College must still apply through Haverford's Committee on Student Standing and Programs and not directly to Bryn Mawr College.

Students with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 may double major by completing the entire requirements of both majors, including thesis requirements. In order to double major, the student must obtain permission from the appropriate dean and the chairpersons of both departments. When deemed appropriate by the two departments, a single thesis may satisfy the thesis requirements of both majors. However, a single thesis submitted for a double major may not be used to reduce either the amount or quality of work typically required by each major program. The

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single thesis option may be undertaken only with the written agreement of both departments.

### **Minors**

Disciplinary and Interdisciplinary minors, consisting of six to seven courses, are currently offered in various fields at Haverford as listed elsewhere in this catalog, and are described in detail under the headings for individual departments and programs.

A minor is not required for the Bachelor of Arts degree or the Bachelor of Science degree.

### **Areas of Concentration**

Areas of concentration exist at Haverford in order to afford students a formal opportunity to pursue an area of study distinct from, but relevant to, their choice of major. The areas of concentration that are currently available are listed elsewhere in this catalog, and are described in detail under the headings for individual departments and programs.

To fulfill an area of concentration, a student must normally complete six course credits selected with the aid of a concentration coordinator who may consult with an advisory group for that concentration. Of the six course credits, no fewer than two and no more than three will also form part of the student's major.

Students are strongly encouraged to elect an area of concentration at the same time they declare a major: that is, during the fourth semester of attendance. As with the major, earlier elections are not permitted.

A concentration is not required for the Bachelor of Arts degree or the Bachelor of Science degree.

### **Independent Minors and Concentrations**

As with majors, students may propose to design independent areas of concentration (related to the major) or minors. These programs require the approval of the Committee on Student Standing and Programs (CSSP); interested students are encouraged to consult the CSSP web pages for additional information regarding independent areas of concentration and minors.

### **Physical Education Requirement**

The physical education requirement does not carry academic credit, but all students at Haverford are required to fulfill it during their

first two years of College in partial fulfillment of their degree.

For physical education purposes, the academic year is divided into four quarters. Students must complete six quarters of physical education, one of which is the "Intro to Fitness" class, prior to the start of junior year. Intro to Fitness is designed to provide students with the knowledge needed to incorporate fitness and proper nutrition into their lives at Haverford and beyond.

Varsity athletes who complete their in-season fitness workouts under the supervision of the Head Coach and Fitness Center Director will satisfy the "Intro to Fitness" requirement. Alternative methods to satisfy the physical education requirement are available for students with medical conditions preventing exercise.

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### **First-Year Program**

The responsibility for knowing and meeting degree requirements as well as the academic regulations of the College rests with each student. If there are any questions regarding these regulations, they should be raised with the student's academic advisor or dean. Since the College requires that students be exposed to areas of knowledge and ways of thinking which may be new to them and which may radically change their ideas about their eventual majors, and since it is important that this diversified experience be gained early, the faculty strongly recommends that students take no more than one course in any department in either semester of the first year at Haverford. For the same reasons, sophomores are strongly encouraged to take no more than two courses simultaneously in any one department.

### **Registration and Course Load Policies**

Detailed information concerning registration is issued by the Registrar's Office each semester. Registration deadlines for courses offered at Haverford and Bryn Mawr are generally the same. However, there are different registration deadlines and procedures for courses offered at Swarthmore and the University of Pennsylvania.

Students normally register for four course credits per semester, but since exceptions to this general rule exist, they may arrange their programs with some flexibility. With the

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consent of their faculty advisor, students may enroll or preregister for five credits in a given semester. Enrollment in more than five credits requires the approval of both their advisor and their dean.

Students who wish to carry fewer than four credits in a semester but do not have sufficient extra credits by the end of that semester to be on schedule to graduate in the maximum of four years (eight semesters) of study must seek approval from their dean. In order to maintain campus housing privileges, students must enroll for a minimum of three credits in any given semester regardless of whether they are on or ahead of schedule to graduate in the maximum of four years of study.

Students permitted a credit overload or underload during any given semester must pay full tuition, regardless of the number of credits taken.

Students are expected to achieve the following in order to make satisfactory progress toward the degree and be advanced to the next grade level:

- End of first year: 8.0 course credits;
- End of sophomore year: 16.0 course credits;
- End of junior year: 24.0 course credits;
- End of senior year: 32.0 course credits and fulfillment of all other requirements for the degree.

### Pass/Fail Option

A student carrying at least four course credits in a semester may elect to take up to one course credit Pass/Fail. The grade entered on the transcript for a course taken Pass/Fail will be a "P," if passed, and a "O.O," if failed; a failing grade will be automatically factored into the student's cumulative GPA, whereas a grade of "P," if left uncovered, will have no impact on a student's GPA. The Pass/Fail option exists to encourage students to take intellectual risks and to explore new and challenging areas of study without an overriding concern that such a move may have a deleterious effect on their GPA; students must nevertheless earn a passing grade (1.0 minimum) in order to earn a letter grade of P, otherwise they will fail and be assigned a numerical grade of O.O.

To take a course Pass/Fail, a student must inform the registrar, using a form obtainable from the Registrar's Office, by the end of the

third week of classes for quarter courses and by the end of the sixth week of classes for full-semester courses. The student must obtain approval from their advisor. When the instructor of the course is the student's advisor, the student must obtain approval from their dean.

All courses taken Pass/Fail may be converted to a numerical grade if a student chooses to uncover the numerical grade on their transcript. Any course for which a numerical grade is recorded—even if initially taken Pass/Fail—may count towards the fulfillment of requirements in a student's major, minor, or concentration; the quantitative requirement; distribution requirement; and the language requirement.

Students have the option to convert the Pass/Fail designation to a numerical grade upon application to the registrar no later than the end of the first week of classes of the following semester.

Additional limitations upon the Pass/Fail option:

- Neither the First-Year Writing Seminar nor courses taken on Haverford's approved study abroad programs may be taken Pass/Fail;
- A course for which a student records a "P" counts only towards the requirement for cumulative course credits. This course may not fulfill any requirement in a student's major, minor, or concentration; the quantitative requirement; distribution requirements; the language requirement; or any other requirements;
- Students wishing to take courses Pass/Fail at Bryn Mawr, Swarthmore, and the University of Pennsylvania must follow Haverford College procedures by filling out the appropriate form and submitting it to the Haverford Registrar by the appropriate deadline.
- Students may register for a cumulative total of four Pass/Fail course credits over the course of their careers at Haverford. Every course taken Pass/Fail will count toward the total of four Pass/Fail course-credit allowed to each student, even if a numerical grade is subsequently recorded.
- Courses in which the instructor decides to use the Pass/Fail option for all students are not included in the semester or cumulative limit.

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### Course Changes

Course changes may be made during the first seven class days of any semester. Thereafter, such changes are permissible only if a student's dean and academic advisor grant their written approval to do so and the student has given the registrar requisite notice, by filing an add/drop form, by the end of the third week of classes.

### Repeating Courses

Students may not count among the 32 course credits required for graduation any course that substantially repeats the content of another course already completed, even though the course numbers may suggest an advancing sequence.

### Laboratory Courses

In cases where courses are comprised of a lecture and an accompanying laboratory, students must attend lectures and labs and satisfy all assignments relevant to both in order to earn credit toward graduation.

### Independent Study Courses

Many departments offer independent study courses to encourage independent work by qualified students. These courses provide opportunities to investigate topics not covered in formal courses, do extensive reading on a subject, conduct fieldwork, or engage in library research. Students wishing to undertake independent study must secure permission for the project from their advisor and from a faculty member willing to supervise the work prior to registering for the course. Members of the faculty are under no obligation to supervise independent study courses. Such courses done without faculty supervision will not be given college credit. The course requirements for independent study are determined jointly by the instructor and the student. Students may register for up to one credit of independent study per term.

### Course Intensification

The College believes that experience in a wide diversity of courses is an essential part of a Haverford education, but the College also recognizes that students may sometimes profit from the opportunity to work more intensively in a smaller number of subjects. Therefore, with their advisor's approval and the instructor's permission, students may register for double

credit in one course and, in unusual cases, in more than one course.

In a double-credit course, students undertake an approved program of independent work in conjunction with a regular course and submit a paper or pass an examination based on the independent work. Such work is not suitable in all subjects; the instructor of the course must be the final judge of whether it should be attempted.

### Year-long Courses

Ordinarily, full-year courses must be carried through two semesters for a student to receive any credit. In some cases, a student may receive credit for one semester without taking the other, but only with the permission of the chairperson of the department. Departmental permission must be in writing on a form obtained from the registrar. In no case, though, may a student receive credit for the first semester of an introductory modern language course without satisfactorily completing the second semester.

### Auditing a Course

Students who wish to audit a course should obtain permission from the instructor. There are no special charges for auditing and such courses are not listed on the student's transcript.

### Course Limits at Cooperating Institutions

Students may enroll in courses at Bryn Mawr College, Swarthmore College, and the University of Pennsylvania. At Penn, however, Haverford students are limited to a maximum of two course credits per semester. Students should note that courses at Penn will be approved by the student's advisor and the registrar only on a space-available basis, and only for courses not offered on a regular basis at either Haverford or Bryn Mawr. Scheduling conflicts are not considered adequate reasons for seeking admission to courses at the University of Pennsylvania.

A senior electing to take a year-long or a second semester course at either Swarthmore, Penn or, with permission, at any other college or university, is responsible for verifying before the class begins that the instructor will submit a final course grade to the Haverford registrar by 5:00 p.m. on the day that senior grades are due,

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as indicated in the academic calendar. If the final grade is not submitted by that date and time, and the course is required for graduation, the senior should not expect to graduate until the following May.

### Continuing Students

Students who intend to continue at Haverford must complete registration during the time designated in both the academic calendar and on the instructions for registration. If students do not register on time and do not receive permission from their deans to delay registration, it will be assumed that they are not returning to Haverford. In such cases, their enrollment and housing, if any, will be considered available for assignment to others.

### Grading

The following numerical grades are awarded at Haverford College:

4.0	A
3.7	A-
3.3	B+
3.0	B
2.7	B-
2.3	C+
2.0	C
1.7	C-
1.3	D+
1.0	D
0.0	F

In addition to the numerical grades issued at Haverford, the following letter grades may also be used:

- CIP: Course in Progress - Grade added at the end of second semester;
- P: Pass in a Haverford Pass/Fail course;
- INC: Approved Incomplete;
- W: Approved Withdrawal;
- NGR: No Grade Reported - Grade awarded at end of full-year course;
- NC: Fail/No Credit in a Bryn Mawr or Swarthmore

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A course may not be counted toward a student's major if the grade earned is below 2.0.

A grade of CIP may be submitted at the end of the first semester for senior research courses conducted throughout the year and for certain other courses agreed upon by the instructor and announced at the beginning of the course.

If a student's attendance is unsatisfactory or their conduct in the classroom is disruptive, the instructor can meet with the student to discuss the problems, but must send them a written notice, a copy of which goes to the student's dean, specifying the reasons for the instructor's concern and warning that any repetition of such conduct will result in being dropped from the course, resulting in a failing grade (0.0). No student may be involuntarily dropped from and failed in a course for failure to attend or to conduct themselves suitably in the classroom unless the instructor has previously sent such prior notice with a copy to the student's dean. The instructor must present the student's dean with a formal notification that the conduct has persisted or has renewed. Except in cases in which students must participate in group projects or are in a class in which they must critique each other's work as an inherent part of the course (as in seminars or First-Year Writing courses), failure to meet deadlines is not grounds for dropping a student from a course; in such instances, instructors should accordingly penalize students for lateness in grading. Policies regarding late work, and subsequent grade deductions, should be clearly stated in the course syllabi or some other formal document distributed to students in advance of assignments to be graded.

If a student is permitted to withdraw from a course by a dean for unusual reasons—normally those beyond the student's control, most typically illness—the grade recorded is W. Students may not withdraw from a course after the last day of class.

Semester, yearly, and cumulative averages are based upon Haverford, Bryn Mawr, Swarthmore, and the University of Pennsylvania numerical grades only, and only during the academic year (September through May). All other work is regarded as transfer credit, including courses taken through Haverford's

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approved Study Abroad programs, summer courses (including those taken at Bryn Mawr and the University of Pennsylvania), and all credit granted for Advanced Placement, the International and French Baccalaureates, the German Abitur, the British “A” Levels, the Swiss Maturité, as well as those courses taken at colleges and universities in the United States and abroad. Course credit may be granted for this academic work, with appropriate grades (C or higher for college credit, B or higher for “A” Levels), and with appropriate scores for all ungraded work, but grades will not appear on the Haverford transcript, nor will the grades or scores earned become a part of any Haverford student’s cumulative grade point average.

The grade of 0.0 (failure) will be given for any course for which no grade is reported on time, or for which an Incomplete (INC) is reported without duly submitting previously-approved supporting documentation to the registrar.

When an INC is granted, a final date for completing the course must be specified. Failure to complete the course by the specified date will result in a failing grade (0.0). Some students who fail a course because they do not complete the work or those who withdraw from a course may still wish to see the work from the course through. In such cases, the student has two options: they may pursue the work because it is interesting and not for credit or a grade. Alternatively, the student might approach the same instructor with whom the course was taken and ask if they would sponsor and grade the work during the next semester. The record would then show a grade of 0.0 or W for one semester and a grade reflecting successful completion in the second semester.

### *Requests for Changes in Grades*

Students who believe they have sufficient reason to request a grade change must inform the instructor of their request within two weeks of the receipt of grades at the end of each semester. If the instructor believes the grade recorded is too low or too high, the grade will be changed.

### *Disputed Grades*

A student who believes that the grade submitted by the instructor in a course is wrong, and who fails to convince the instructor of an error, may appeal the case to the chair of the department concerned. If the chair cannot be persuaded, the

next (and final) appeal is to the provost of the College. Students should consult their deans before entering upon such a course of action. They should recognize, moreover, that Haverford subscribes to the principle of academic freedom for its faculty, in light of which the provost is ordinarily unable to authorize a change of an instructor’s grade. Thus, the principal value of an appeal to the provost is a possible identification of a pattern of inequities, in which case an investigation into the facts of the matter would be undertaken.

Finally, a student who receives a low grade on an examination, because of special circumstances such as illness, may petition the instructor and the Dean of the College for a special examination. If the request is granted, the grade for the special examination will replace the grade originally earned in the examination. In computing the final grade in that course, the new course grade will replace the old one on the student’s transcript, and the semester average will be revised accordingly. To invoke a review under this provision, the student must have notified the instructor immediately after stopping work on the examination, giving details to support the request for a special examination.

### **Deadlines**

All required work in a course is due at the times specified by the instructor, but in no event later than the dates specified in the academic calendar.

- All written work in courses, except final examinations or papers in lieu of final examinations, is due by the last day of classes for that semester.
- Final examinations (including take home final examinations) and papers in lieu of final examinations are due on the last day of the examination period for that semester.

### **Incomplete (INC)**

Incompletes for course work not completed by the last day of the examination period for that semester are granted only in cases of illness or when other extenuating circumstances of the most compelling nature are involved. A student who wishes to request an incomplete should secure the appropriate form from the registrar and, if the instructor and the student’s dean approve the request, specify on the form the work to be done and the final submission date.



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The form should then be submitted to the student's dean for final approval.

To have an incomplete processed by the registrar, a student must follow the procedures outlined above. Ad hoc arrangements or commitments contrary to the regulations herein described or any arrangements to which the student's dean has not been a consenting party will not be honored. It should be noted, finally, Haverford's procedures and deadlines for incompletes differ from those at Bryn Mawr and Swarthmore Colleges and the University of Pennsylvania. Students are obliged to know and follow the rules regarding incompletes at these institutions.

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Semester I

Incomplete work is due no later than  
**Friday, January 12, 2018.**

Semester II

Incomplete work is due no later than  
**Friday, June 8, 2018.**

The course instructor has jurisdiction over requests for extensions to complete assignments or permission to schedule make-up examinations *during* the semester (i.e., up to the last day of final examinations). A student who wishes to make such a request should speak directly with the appropriate instructor. No form or dean's permission is required.

#### **Class Attendance**

As a general rule, students are expected to attend classes unless excused. In some courses, class attendance is a requirement for satisfactory completion of the course. Lack of attendance in some cases may be grounds for dropping the student and assigning a failing grade. It is the student's responsibility to learn from the instructor how class attendance will be regarded in each course.

#### **Graduation Honors**

Honors at graduation are awarded to students who have undertaken and completed academic work of high quality. There are two types of graduation honors:

- Departmental honors, awarded by the academic departments.

- College honors, awarded by the College.

#### *Departmental Honors*

The exact nature of departmental honors work and the criteria used in judging it are listed in the departmental statements in the College Catalog and on the appropriate departmental web pages. For such honors, the work in the department must be considerably superior to that required for graduation, including a demonstration of the student's competence, insight, and commitment to the field of interest. Individual departments may award honors to students whose departmental work has been of high quality, and high honors to those who have demonstrated both high quality and originality, indicating an unusual degree of competence.

#### *College Honors*

The Committee on College Honors and Fellowships will consider all students whose overall performance is exceptionally high for the following college honors awarded at Haverford College: *cum laude*, *magna cum laude* or *summa cum laude*.

Whereas distinguished performance in the major is the criterion for departmental honors, college honors recognize students whose work has been outstanding throughout their college career. In considering candidates for *magna* and *summa cum laude*, special attention is given to study that goes beyond the requirements of the major. Such study can be interdivisional, as evidenced by superior work outside one's major division; interdisciplinary, as evidenced by superior work in more than one department of a single division; by superior work in several converging domains of knowledge represented by an area of concentration or the equivalent; or, by other evidence of superior work beyond the requirements of the major and the College. Both *magna cum laude* and *summa cum laude* are awarded by the faculty on recommendation of the Committee on College Honors and Fellowships. *Summa cum laude* is awarded to students of exceptional merit.

All students who have earned GPAs in the top 30% of the graduating class, and who are not awarded *magna cum laude* or *summa cum laude*, will be awarded *cum laude*.

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### Residency and other Requirements for the Degree

Students, other than transfer students, may arrange for reduced programs of six or seven semesters by taking advantage of several options:

- They may take five course credits per semester instead of the normal load of four.
- They may use up to four course credits earned in combination of approved pre-Haverford study, including approved summer study at other institutions while a student at Haverford; or
- They may study at another American college or university or at a Haverford-approved program abroad for a semester or a year.

It is important to note that any combination of options will need to provide for a minimum of six semesters in residence at Haverford and at least 24 Haverford course credits. Such Haverford course credits must be taken at Haverford or any of the three cooperating institutions—Bryn Mawr College, Swarthmore College, or the University of Pennsylvania—during the academic year, of which a minimum of eight course credits must be taken on the Haverford campus. In the cases of transfer students, decisions about residence and credit requirements are made by the deans, but transfer students must complete a minimum of 16 Haverford course credits and four semesters in residence to be considered for a degree at the College.

Note that the seven-semester option allows the possibility of studying abroad for one semester, while the six-semester option does not. See also the *Academic Flexibility Program*.

### Monitoring Academic Performance

The Committee on Student Standing and Programs (CSSP), a standing committee of the faculty, is composed of at least two faculty members appointed by Academic Council, three students appointed by Students' Council, the director of multicultural affairs, and one dean, who serves as executive secretary.

The Committee is charged with reviewing students' academic performance in consultation with their deans and, if necessary, with members of the Athletics department, the Office of Admission, and (to the extent consistent with confidentiality) the Counseling and

Psychological Services (CAPS) staff. CSSP relies on the faculty to convey notes of concern to the deans of those students in their courses who are experiencing academic difficulty. The Committee reviews these faculty reports as needed but typically at the middle of each semester, and sends letters to some students apprising them of the concerns, urging them to consult with their advisors, counselors, deans, and instructors, and recommending, where appropriate, that they make use of the College's peer tutoring system, the Office of Academic Resources, and other academic support resources.

In dealing with academic deficiencies, CSSP has broad authority to set requirements for a student's continued enrollment, most notably by placing them on one of several levels of "Academic Warning" (probation) or requiring them to take a College Leave for a minimum of one year; such decisions are typically made at the end of each semester but may be made at any point deemed advisable by the Committee. The Committee has full latitude to place a student on College Leave even if the student has not previously been placed on Academic Warning.

Students are accountable to themselves and to the College (as embodied in the Committee) for the use to which they put both their talents and the resources of the College. Each case that comes before the Committee is treated individually within the context of College policy, and from this perspective, accountability means that some students who perform poorly but manage to pass their courses may still be placed on College Leave and ones who are failing may, on occasion, be permitted to continue. However, although CSSP may permit students who fail some of their courses to continue at the College, the Committee must first be convinced that there is a high probability that such students will do work that is at least consistently adequate in the immediate future.

When CSSP is considering the possibility of placing a student on College Leave, it will postpone making its final decision until it has held a second meeting, known as a "Drop Hearing." Such hearings typically happen at the end of January, immediately prior to the spring semester, and in early June in response to spring semester grade reports, but the

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Committee may hold Drop Hearings at any point in the calendar year. Students who are summoned to such hearings but not placed on College Leave will typically be placed on Very Strict Academic Warning.

The student will be invited to appear before the Committee during a Drop Hearing and will be permitted to attend the hearing in the company of an academic advisor or other faculty member solely to provide moral support; such a “support person” may not address the committee or serve as an advisor to the student during the course of the hearing. If the student does not appear, the Committee will make a decision in the student’s absence and will inform them of its decision in writing. Since a Drop Hearing is intended to be a dialogue, the Committee will not entertain written statements from students summoned to such hearings or from other parties.

Students placed on College Leave may appeal the Committee’s decision to the President of the College on procedural grounds only. Appeals must be in writing, must state the grounds for the appeal, and must be received by the President within 72 hours of the student’s Drop Hearing. The following are the procedures of a Drop Hearing:

- The Committee will send the student notification of the Committee’s decision to hold a Drop Hearing 3-5 days before the hearing.
- The student will be given an opportunity to speak to the Committee during the hearing.
- At least one student, one faculty member, and one dean will be present at the hearing and will constitute a quorum.
- The student will be apprised of the Committee’s decision immediately after it is made.

Second-semester seniors should note that simply meeting the College requirements and accumulating 32 credits is not necessarily sufficient to ensure graduation. For example, the Committee (which reviews all senior academic records before the faculty votes on granting of degrees each spring) may decide that a student who has failed two out of the four courses in which they were enrolled in the eighth semester may not be permitted to graduate even though the student has the 32 credits required for graduation. Similarly, seniors who fail courses in

their major may be judged to have failed to meet the academic standards of the College and may not be permitted to graduate even if they have successfully completed the required number of courses and satisfied all general education requirements.

## SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

### Intercollegiate Cooperation

Haverford has long enjoyed a close cooperative relationship with Bryn Mawr College and Swarthmore College. This consortial relationship gives students from all three colleges access to courses and to most of the academic facilities on the three campuses. The major programs of Bryn Mawr and Haverford are open equally to all students on both campuses. In some cases, Haverford students may also major at Swarthmore.

In addition to the cooperative agreement with Bryn Mawr and Swarthmore, Haverford has made arrangements with the University of Pennsylvania, and full-time Haverford students are permitted to have library privileges and, upon presentation of the proper credentials, to enroll for courses there without added expense. Laboratory fees, which are not included under the reciprocal agreements with Swarthmore College or the University of Pennsylvania, must be paid by the student. Students taking courses at the University of Pennsylvania must make their own transportation arrangements, and are limited to two courses per semester at Penn.

Each student must satisfy Haverford’s general college graduation requirements, but is otherwise free to choose from the courses and other academic opportunities offered at its three partner institutions. If a student majors or minors at Bryn Mawr or Swarthmore, it will be so noted on their academic records. Students may not major or minor at the University of Pennsylvania. Haverford students are obligated to satisfy the academic regulations (e.g., regarding deadlines, attendance, and extensions) at Bryn Mawr, Swarthmore, and the University of Pennsylvania when they are taking courses at such institutions. Administrative interpretations of each institution’s academic regulations are made by the deans of the college where the course is given.

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### Academic Flexibility Program

The Committee on Student Standing and Programs (CSSP) is empowered to make decisions on requests from students for exceptions to the academic regulations of the College. Typically, requests for exceptions involve unusual circumstances and relate to such issues as special majors and graduation in six or more than eight semesters. Students who intend to petition the Committee should first consult with their dean and their academic advisor.

Petitions should be submitted in writing to CSSP by the deadlines noted below; failure to meet these deadlines may result in a delay in the consideration of a petition until the following semester.

For Semester I of the 2017-18 Academic Year:  
**Friday, November 3, 2017**

For Semester II of the 2017-18 Academic Year:  
**Friday, March 23, 2018**

Petitioning students should note that their advisor's and dean's approval does not guarantee that CSSP will grant their request. If the Committee does not approve their proposal, the student, under *rare* circumstances, may appear in person to appeal its decision.

In addition to petitions for independent and interdepartmental majors, the following are examples of some of the academic program options that students may pursue only with the approval of CSSP.

### Credit for Non-Collegiate Academic Work

All students must earn at least 24 course credits at Haverford, Bryn Mawr, Swarthmore colleges or the University of Pennsylvania. However, it is recognized that there are important educational opportunities for a student to do work, for example, in a non-university research laboratory, to do a supervised archaeological study on site, etc., for which the College will occasionally grant academic credit. With the approval of CSSP, a student may take up to four course credits in their academic undergraduate career, provided the following conditions are met:

- The work is closely supervised by a person who is a faculty member at a college or university or who clearly holds the

comparable qualifications.

- The student's academic advisor approves the activity. If the work is in an area outside the advisor's field, approval will also be required from a Haverford faculty member competent in a relevant field.
- The project results in a product judged to be satisfactory by the field supervisor and the Haverford faculty member.
- In most cases, the work is unpaid.

For each Haverford course credit earned in this manner, a student will be charged tuition at the rate of \$6,535 per course credit. If credit is granted for such work by another academic institution, the credit may be transferred to Haverford without further tuition charges. Before credit can be transferred, however, the procedures for approval as outlined above must be followed.

### Graduation in Fewer than Eight Semesters

A student may, in consultation with their dean, and with the approval of their academic advisor and the Committee on Student Standings and Programs (CSSP), select a six-semester program consisting of at least 30 course credits, including up to two approved AP credits or summer courses. Because of the College residency requirement, this program is not compatible with international study. A student for whom a six-semester program has been approved must, by April 15 each year, confirm to their dean in writing that they intend to continue in this program.

Students may also meet the normal requirements of 32 Haverford approved course credits but do so in only seven semesters of study by enrolling for five course credits for four semesters and for four course credits for three semesters. This option will allow students to spend a full semester away from the campus at some time during their college careers and still graduate within four years of matriculation. Although there is no deadline for declaring seven-semester programs, and students do not need the approval of CSSP to exercise this option, an early declaration of the intention to graduate in seven semesters will be helpful to both the student and the College. Students considering this option are therefore urged to consult their dean as early as possible.

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### Extended Programs

Although most students are expected to graduate in four academic years, some may be permitted to remain at Haverford for an additional, ninth semester to complete their degree requirements. Such permission is granted very rarely, upon petition to CSSP, and only in instances in which a student has no other means by which to complete their degree (typically due to the need to take courses in satisfaction of a major that can be fulfilled only while at Haverford). Students who are on financial aid must submit a separate appeal to the Financial Aid Committee requesting a ninth semester of financial aid.

The College never grants a tenth semester except in instances in which the Office of Access and Disabilities Services has deemed it necessary to do so pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

### International Study

Upon request, qualified students in good academic and disciplinary standing may be granted permission to spend a semester or a year studying in a foreign country. The College recognizes approximately 70 programs in 34 countries. Students interested in studying abroad should consult the Office of International Academic Programs early in their sophomore year, and should have a GPA of at least 3.0

Students who wish to study abroad and receive Haverford credit may do so by applying to any of the programs on the approved list. They must complete the appropriate forms by the specified deadlines and should discuss their program and course selections with their major, minor, concentration advisor(s). Courses taken while studying on approved programs count toward fulfilling major, minor, and concentration requirements as well as College degree requirements.

Monitored by the College's Educational Policy Committee (EPC), the list of approved programs "provides opportunities that both extend and complement the offerings of Haverford departments and answer the specific needs and wishes of the students." According to EPC policy, students who do not request and receive permission to study abroad through the Office of International Academic Programs will not receive Haverford credit for their work. EPC will

not consider retroactive proposals under any circumstances. Students who do not wish to pay Haverford tuition and/or receive credit may not attend the programs on the approved list.

In the rare case where a student may wish to receive credit for a program not on the approved list, they may petition to add the program to the list by using the following procedure:

- Collect all pertinent information about the program, including catalogs, course descriptions, modes of evaluation of academic performance, syllabi, reading lists, and faculty CVs.
- Present the written proposal and materials to Office of International Academic Programs one year in advance—March 1 for spring programs, November 1 for fall programs. The deadlines are firm.
- If the program is commensurate with the programs on the approved list, the student must prepare a petition for consideration by EPC. This petition must explain why the existing approved programs do not fulfill the student's academic needs, and how the proposed program does so.

A statement from the student's faculty advisor endorsing the program and explaining how it complements the work of the major or the concentration must accompany the petition. The department must provide a list of approved courses fulfilling major requirements. If the work is outside the student's major, a statement from a member of the faculty who is familiar with the program will also be required. Petitions are forwarded to the Student Study Abroad Advisory Board and the International Academic Programs Faculty Advisory Board for consultation. In order to ensure the quality of programs on the list, an on-site evaluation by a Haverford faculty member will be required before approval is granted. Faculty members who wish to add programs follow similar procedures.

### *Financial Aid*

Haverford College meets the needs of students eligible for financial aid, whether they are at Haverford or on approved study abroad programs. Students can apply their financial aid awards toward their approved program abroad. More information may be found at: [haverford.edu/studyabroad/financial\\_aid/](http://haverford.edu/studyabroad/financial_aid/)

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### **4+1 Engineering Program**

Haverford College and the University of Pennsylvania have formed a partnership that enables qualified Haverford undergraduates to gain early and expedited admission into a Master's degree offered by Penn Engineering. Like Penn Engineering undergraduates, Haverford students may apply to an appropriate Master's degree program at Penn Engineering as an external "sub-matriculate."

To initiate the process, a Haverford student submits a completed "External Sub-matriculation Application" to Penn Engineering for review and approval. Applications should be submitted no later than the end of the summer after the student's sixth semester at Haverford, and no earlier than the end of their fourth semester. To apply, students must have the necessary background and major to enter into the desired Master's degree program. (Degree programs are described at [haverford.edu/engineering/upenn](http://haverford.edu/engineering/upenn)). A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and a minimum 3.0 GPA in all math, science, and engineering courses are also required to apply. The GRE is not required; however, students are strongly encouraged to take the GRE, especially those who have interests in pursuing a Ph.D. later. Admission decisions are made on a selective basis.

Via the existing "Quaker Consortium" arrangement, as admitted "sub-matriculantes," Haverford undergraduates may take up to three graduate courses to count toward their Master's from Penn Engineering, subject to approval by their Graduate advisor. Biotechnology Master's students may take up to four graduate courses. These may not be taken prior to submatriculating into Penn Engineering. Penn Engineering's rules on double-counting courses for sub-matriculantes permit students to use no more than three courses in satisfaction of the requirements of both the Master's at Penn and the Bachelor's at Haverford. (Note that through the "Quaker Consortium," Penn will not charge Haverford sub-matriculantes tuition and fees for taking these three graduate courses as undergraduates.)

All admitted 4+1 students are fully expected to graduate and receive their Bachelor's degree from Haverford at the end of their fourth year at Haverford. If this is not achieved, the student

will be dropped from the Master's degree program at Penn Engineering. In the fifth and final year of the 4+1, students will be enrolled as full-time Master's degree students in Penn Engineering, having fully completed their undergraduate degree at Haverford. During this year, the student will complete the remainder of the courses required by their specific Master's degree program. The total number of courses for an engineering Master's is 10 (11 in Biotechnology). The student will be financially responsible for all tuition and fees in the fifth year (Penn Engineering Master's tuition and fees are charged by the course).

Interested students should consult their advisor and the program's advisor for the 4+1 as early as possible. For more information, visit: [haverford.edu/engineering/upenn/](http://haverford.edu/engineering/upenn/)

### **3/2 Engineering Program**

Haverford College and the California Institute of Technology (CalTech) have a joint program under which a student who is interested in engineering may, in the second semester of their junior year, apply for transfer to an engineering program at CalTech. If accepted in the program, then at the end of five years (three at Haverford, two at CalTech), the student will be awarded a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree by Haverford and a Bachelor of Engineering Degree by CalTech. For each engineering discipline, there is a required set of courses to be taken at Haverford during the first three years of the program. Interested students should consult their advisor and the College's advisor for the 3/2 program about the proper course selection; this consultation should occur as early as possible. A cumulative grade point average of 3.5 is generally expected for this program.

For more information, visit: [haverford.edu/engineering/caltech/](http://haverford.edu/engineering/caltech/)

### **3/2 City Planning Program**

Haverford students majoring in the Growth and Structure of Cities at Bryn Mawr may apply for admission to the 3/2 Program in City Planning offered in conjunction with the University of Pennsylvania. This arrangement with the University of Pennsylvania's Department of City and Regional Planning allows a student to earn both a Bachelor's degree in the Growth and Structure of Cities at Bryn Mawr and a Master of City Planning (MCP) at the University of

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Pennsylvania in five years. Qualified students who are accepted into the 3/2 program will be eligible for consideration for financial aid during their period of residence at the University of Pennsylvania. Students interested in the 3/2 B.A./M.C.P. program may apply through their Cities major advisor during their sophomore or junior years, although they are encouraged to begin discussing their interest with members of the Cities Program as early as the beginning of their sophomore year.

### **4+1 Bioethics Program with the University of Pennsylvania**

Haverford students can earn a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree from Haverford and a Master's in Bioethics (M.B.E) from Penn's Bioethics Program in the Perelman School of Medicine in five years.

This 4+1 partnership enables qualified Haverford undergraduates to gain early and expedited admission into a Master's degree offered by the Penn Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy. Students may apply to the M.B.E program as an external "sub-matriculate" no later than the end of the summer after the sixth semester at Haverford and no earlier than the end of the fourth semester. A GPA of 3.5 is required to apply; the GRE is not required. The admissions decision is based on the student's transcript and letters of recommendation from one or more Haverford faculty members.

Upon acceptance to the program, students will take up to three graduate courses in Bioethics at Penn while still enrolled at Haverford; course selection is subject to approval by the M.B.E program's director of education. There is no additional financial charge for these courses. During their four years at the College, students will also complete all Haverford graduation requirements, which can include courses taken at Penn as determined by Haverford's Health Studies director.

The fifth year of the program is spent entirely at Penn. Nine courses in all (including those taken while a Haverford undergraduate) are required to complete the requirements for the M.B.E degree. There is no financial aid available from Penn for the fifth year of the program, but students can apply for federal student loans. Students are responsible for all tuition and fees.

Undergraduates interested in applying for this program should contact the Health Studies director and visit [medicalethicshealthpolicy.med.upenn.edu/master-of-bioethics](http://medicalethicshealthpolicy.med.upenn.edu/master-of-bioethics) for more information.

### **One-Year Master's Program at Claremont McKenna College's Robert Day School of Economics and Finance**

Haverford students accepted into the Robert Day School of Economics and Finance graduate school will receive a full scholarship for their one-year Master's in Finance at the Claremont McKenna College (CMC) campus in Claremont, California. The program offers an intensive curriculum in economics and finance with an additional emphasis on co-curricular programming that develops career skills and supports post-graduate job placement.

The scholarship includes full-tuition, but students are responsible for the cost of living expenses and for providing proof of health insurance. Program fees are minimal, and all program events, including networking trips, are fully funded by the program.

Eligible students must have a strong academic record, demonstrating excellent quantitative skills, particularly through course work in macroeconomics and microeconomics at the intermediate level, statistics, and, if possible, corporate finance. However, applicants can present a variety of academic profiles for consideration. Course work planned for the summer before matriculation in the graduate program can be taken into consideration in the selection process.

The application deadline is in February of the senior year. For more information about the Master's in Finance at CMC's Robert Day School of Economics and Finance, please contact the chair of the Economics Department and visit [cmc.edu/rdschool/academic/](http://cmc.edu/rdschool/academic/)

### **Accelerated Degree Program with the Center for Latin American Studies at Georgetown University**

Haverford participates in a five-year joint degree program with the Center for Latin American Studies at Georgetown University. The cooperative agreement allows undergraduates who are concentrators in Latin American, Iberian,

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and Latino Studies to pursue an accelerated course of study toward a graduate degree.

The program offers the highest qualified applicants the opportunity to count four courses from their undergraduate study toward the M.A. program in Latin American Studies at Georgetown University, enabling them to complete the degree in two semesters and one summer.

The five-year B.A./M.A. program is designed for those students who demonstrate excellence at the undergraduate level. Qualified applicants must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.5, declare an interest in the cooperative degree program during the junior year, and participate in the Center's summer study abroad program. During the senior year, students will apply through the normal Georgetown M.A. application cycle. If accepted into the M.A. program, up to four courses (two from the CLAS summer study program in Mexico or Chile and two advanced courses from Haverford) may be applied to the M.A. All M.A. prerequisites must be completed during the four years of undergraduate education, and candidates must have concentrated in Latin American Studies while at Haverford.

For more detailed information, consult Prof. Graciela Michelotti or visit the Georgetown Center for Latin American Studies, [clas.georgetown.edu/academics/accelerated](http://clas.georgetown.edu/academics/accelerated)

### **Two-Year China Studies Master's Program at Zhejiang University**

Applicants accepted into China Studies Program (CSP) of Zhejiang University (ZJU) will receive a full scholarship for a two-year Master's in China Studies in Hangzhou, the location of ZJU. The program is conducted in English, but training in Mandarin is provided to help students navigate the university, the city, and the broader cultural environment, where students will undertake an internship between the first year (which focuses on classroom study) and the second year (which focuses on independent research related to your topic of study).

The scholarship will include: tuition; registration fee; living stipend of CNY 1,700 per month; free accommodation on campus; fees for laboratory experiments, internship, and basic learning materials; basic medical insurance including fees for outpatient medical services, accidental injury,

education and hospitalization medical treatment; one-time settlement subsidy of CNY 1,500; and possible research-related domestic travel funds.

The application deadline is in April of the senior year, by which time all the required application materials should reach the Office for China Studies Program at ZJU. The decision letter will be mailed out in June; the school year will start in September.

For more information about the two-year Master's degree CSP program, please contact Prof. Yonglin Jiang, the co-chair of the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures at Bryn Mawr ([yjiang@brynmawr.edu](mailto:yjiang@brynmawr.edu)) and visit [hccsp.zju.edu.cn](http://hccsp.zju.edu.cn).

### **Study at Other American Colleges**

Some students may also study at another college or university in the United States for the enrichment to be gained through different or more diversified liberal arts offerings. Some study at another school simply to experience college life in a different setting. Haverford has formal exchange programs with Claremont McKenna and Pitzer Colleges in California and Spelman College in Georgia. Permission for such study must be granted by the student's advisor and dean. All courses must be approved in advance by the chairs of the appropriate Haverford departments. In order to provide a semester's credit at Haverford (four course credits), a program at another institution must represent at least one-eighth of the degree program there; and similarly, in order to provide a year's credit at Haverford, the program must represent one-quarter of the degree at the other institution.

Students who expect to study away from Haverford for a semester or a year must confirm their intention in writing to their dean, using the same timetable as that for a dean's leave. They should also inform their dean when they have been accepted by the institution to which they have applied. Naturally, they will have discussed at an earlier time tentative plans with their advisor and dean. They should, finally, ensure that they will have earned 19 credits outside of their major and fulfilled the general education requirements by the end of the senior year.

Note: Students may not attend programs abroad through an American college or university during the academic year and receive



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credit at Haverford unless they go through the Office of International Academic Programs.

### **Independent Study While Not in Residence**

Students who wish to carry independent study credit while away from the College should secure the approval of their advisors and that of the instructor(s) involved before submitting the written proposal to the dean for final approval. If approved, students will be charged at rate of \$6,535 per credit.

### **Summer Study at Another Institution**

A student wishing to obtain Haverford credit for summer school at another institution should follow the procedures as outlined below:

- The student should secure from the Registrar's web pages a form entitled "Application for Summer School Credit."
- With the form, the student should secure the approval of their faculty advisor, dean, and the chairperson of the Haverford department which corresponds to the field in which the work is to be done. Advance approval is required for obtaining Haverford credit and approval should be based on the suitability of the course for Haverford credit; approval sought retroactively will, in all likelihood, be denied. If no such department exists at Haverford but does at Bryn Mawr, then the student should seek the approval from the appropriate Bryn Mawr department chairperson.
- In seeking approval, the student should give the appropriate department chair descriptive information about the course: the course name and number; the amount of credit conferred at the other institution; the institution's name; the course description.
- The faculty advisor's signature should represent an approval of the course as a part of the student's program at Haverford.
- Faculty assigning credit should proceed on the principle that at any institution, each course counts as a fraction of the credit required for the degree. At Haverford, the minimum graduation requirement is 32 credits, equal to 128 semester hours. Therefore, summer credit equivalents must be identical to academic year equivalents for transfer credit to be considered at Haverford.

Other regulations governing summer study:

- Courses taken in summer school will not satisfy Haverford course requirements for

the major unless prior written approval is granted by the department chair.

- A summer course must not be a repeat of or at a lower level than a course already a part of the student's Haverford academic record.
- To receive Haverford credit for courses taken in summer school, a student must earn a grade at least one full grade above the lowest passing Haverford grade: at least a 2.0 on the Haverford scale, or a grade of "C" on the A-F scale.
- Permission for credit must be secured before the course is taken.
- For summer work at Bryn Mawr, only the permission of the student's dean is required.
- In all cases of summer school work, including courses taken at Bryn Mawr and the University of Pennsylvania, students should have official transcripts forwarded to the Haverford registrar. Unofficial grade reports will not be accepted for evaluation.
- Finally, students should realize that summer school credit, if accepted by Haverford, will transfer to Haverford simply as course credits. Course titles and credit values will be indicated on the record, but in no instance, including summer work at Bryn Mawr College and the University of Pennsylvania, will grades earned appear on the Haverford record; likewise, in no instance will the grades earned appear as part of the student's cumulative grade point average at Haverford.

Students should follow the above procedures for all summer study, including summer study abroad. Approval for summer study abroad is identical to that for domestic summer study.

### **LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

The authority to grant leaves and to specify their type, duration, and terms rests with the deans. Since the number of students admitted for any fall term depends upon the number of students returning, a student who requests a leave of absence late in the summer has effectively denied someone else a place at the College. If such students have also been assigned College housing, they are severely inconveniencing other students. Thus, a fine of \$500 may be imposed upon students requesting leaves of absence after August 1 of any given year.

If, after a semester has begun, a student for any reason leaves the College (Dean's Leave, Study

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Away, International Study, College Leave) they must vacate their dormitory room by a date determined by their dean in consultation with the student. In such cases, a pro-rated fee for room (and board, if applicable) will be assessed.

At Haverford, leaves of absence fall into four categories:

- Dean's Leave Without Conditions
- Dean's Leave With Conditions
- College Leave
- Medical Leave

Students may (or may be required to) take courses at other institutions while on leave. However, if they are admitted as degree candidates at another institution while on any of these leaves of absence, they must transfer out of the College and forgo the opportunity to earn a Haverford degree. Failure to do so in such cases will compel the College to revoke a student's right to return to Haverford.

### **Dean's Leave Without Conditions**

Students in good academic standing may request a Dean's Leave without conditions for return. The student must simply write to their dean asking to be placed on leave and specifying the date on which the student wants the leave to begin (i.e., immediately or after final exams).

Students should note that if they do not depart on a Dean's Leave before the last day of classes in any given semester they must complete and perform satisfactorily on final exams and all other requirements for the courses in which they were enrolled in that semester; under no conditions will a Dean's Leave, with or without conditions for return, be granted during final exams period unless it is for a leave that commences after final exams.

Return from such a leave is automatic upon written request from the student as long as it is within three years of departure. Students should write to their deans by March 1 for a fall semester return, or by December 1 for a spring semester return. Any student who remains on Dean's Leave (with or without conditions) for three years will be placed on College Leave and will have to petition the Dean of the College for permission to return to the College to resume their studies.

If a student who has been granted an unconditional Dean's Leave earns unsatisfactory final grades before the leave goes into effect, the student's dean or the Committee on Student Standing and Programs (CSSP) may revoke the Dean's Leave and place the student on a College Leave (see below).

### **Dean's Leave With Conditions**

The deans reserve the right to grant only a conditional Dean's Leave if a student finds it necessary to take leave in the midst of a semester and therefore does not complete their courses. Typically, a Dean will grant a conditional leave in cases in which students experience personal problems that impede their ability to perform academically or otherwise lose the sense of purpose that is necessary to remain adequately engaged in their studies. The conditions for return from such a Dean's Leave are at the discretion of each student's dean.

### **College Leave**

A College Leave is involuntary and is typically employed in cases in which students are required to take leave for academic or disciplinary reasons. CSSP or the Dean of the College may place a student on College Leave, and return from College Leave is not automatic. Students who wish to return are expected to present to the Dean of the College convincing evidence of readiness to return. Deadlines for reapplying are the same as those for Dean's Leave. Normally students are not permitted to return to Haverford from a second College Leave.

### **Medical Leave**

A student may request or be placed on a Medical Leave of absence. Such leaves are employed in a variety of circumstances: a student may request one if they have a medical condition that impairs their ability to perform academically; the College, through the Dean's Office, may place students on medical leave if they pose a danger to themselves or others, if they create a severe disruption to the ability of other students to perform academically, or if they are unable for medical reasons to fulfill their academic responsibilities. For more information regarding Medical Leaves, consult the following web page: [haverford.edu/sites/default/files/Office/Deans/Medical-Leave-Policy.pdf](http://haverford.edu/sites/default/files/Office/Deans/Medical-Leave-Policy.pdf)