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At the May 3, 2010, meeting of the Faculty Senate, 3 policy proposals that impact undergraduates were approved, along with one proposal that affects graduate students. All are effective as of Summer/ Fall 2010, but they are not limited to students in the 2010-11 Catalog. I will be making revisions to current Catalogs in the next few weeks, and Undergraduate Council will distribute 3D Memos as official announcements. But knowing that some of your continuing and incoming students may benefit from these, I'm providing an early notice.

1. General Education – Tier One/Tier Two Honors Option. The Honors Pilot that has been available to Honors students since Fall 2008 is now a permanent curriculum change. Here is the Catalog text:

*“Students who select the Honors Option must complete three courses in each Study Area as follows: **one** Tier One course and **one** Tier Two course in each Study Area, in accordance with their degree program. The **third** required course in each Study Area is to be selected either from Tier One (a course with the same prefix but a different number) or from Tier Two (a course with a different prefix than the first Tier Two course). For example, in the Traditions and Cultures/Humanities Study Area, students must complete one TRAD course and one Humanities course; their third course in this Study Area may be a TRAD course with a different number or a Humanities course with a different prefix (cross-listed courses with a second department are acceptable).”*

2. Second Language Requirement – Amendment for International Students to use the IELTS. This is the Catalog text: *“**International students** who are native speakers of languages other than English may fulfill the second language requirement with the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or with the **International English Language Testing System (IELTS)**, provided that it was an admissions requirement and their score was satisfactory for admission to the University of Arizona. U.S. citizens and international students from countries where English is the official language may not use the TOEFL or IELTS to satisfy the Second Language Requirement.”*

3. Credit for U.S. Military Service and Training. The Offices of Admissions and Registrar have been giving veterans credit for their military service and training, but the policy has not been in the Catalog. Here is the new text (3 paragraphs):

*“**ACE Military Credit for Undergraduates.** Military credit evaluation is completed only after a veteran has been admitted to the University and has submitted all required documentation. The UA will accept **up to 24 units of ACE-recommended military credit as transfer work toward a baccalaureate degree.** The specific credits are for training programs offered by different branches of the U.S. Armed Forces and certified by ACE. **This credit will be awarded as general elective credit or department elective credit.** Credit for military service experiences also may be acquired through standardized examinations (see credit by examination policy). Documented training experience that falls outside of the regular transfer credit policies of the University will be considered through a Transfer Credit Appeal available through the Office of the Registrar.*

***Undergraduate Credit for Military Service.** For at least eighteen months of consecutive active duty in the armed forces, terminated under honorable conditions, **4 lower division units of military science elective credit** will be awarded toward a baccalaureate degree. If you have earned a commission in the*

U.S. Armed Forces, you may petition the Office of the Registrar for an additional 12 upper division units of military science, naval science, or aerospace studies elective credit.

Graduate Credit for Military Service and Training. *Any credit for military service and/or training experiences will be awarded through the Graduate College Petition process available through the Office of the Dean, Graduate College.”*

4. Course Late Drop Fee. The course late drop fee that was initiated in Fall 2009 for all undergraduate and graduate students will continue in Fall 2010, but it will no longer apply to graduate students. Here’s the new fee statement (this is posted on the Registrar’s site): ***“Undergraduate students may drop courses without penalty through the first week of the Fall and Spring semesters. Beginning the second week and continuing through the last day of classes, a \$25 penalty fee will be charged to the student per student-initiated drop and per administrative drop (but not for a department drop or section change). This penalty does not apply to summer or winter sessions or to courses with non-standard start and end dates. It does not apply to section changes or to complete withdrawals from the University.”***