

## **ENHANCED UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**

The College offers two types of graduate courses. One type is designed solely for, and open only to, graduate students. The second type is the enhanced undergraduate course.

Enhanced courses are upper-level undergraduate courses (300 and 400- level) offered for graduate credit according to the following guidelines:

1. An existing undergraduate course may be enhanced or offered for graduate credit on a permanent basis.
2. An existing undergraduate course may also be enhanced or offered for graduate credit on a one-time basis, i.e. as an independent study. In this case, the instructor must complete a learning contract, obtainable from the Records Office. The contract requires signatures of the student, student's advisor, program director, and the Registrar. The instructor must demonstrate that such approval is warranted by specifying qualifying prerequisites that assure the ability to do graduate level work and by specifying the kind of work required as appropriate to the graduate level.

All enhanced undergraduate courses offered for graduate credit should acknowledge a distinction between graduate and undergraduate education and the concomitant increase in expectations for students receiving graduate credit. While there is no one way to do this, it means that graduate students must demonstrate adequate advanced standing in order to be admitted into such courses, with adequate prior understanding of the disciplines in which the courses are offered. In addition, the written assignments must demonstrate a level of achievement deemed appropriate for graduate education, generally meaning that the student must complete one fully developed extensive investigation related to the course material, such as a research paper, or equivalent project, in addition to as many of the undergraduate assignments that are deemed to be most useful and fair.