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| <b>FACULTY SENATE ISSUE FORM</b>  |
| <b>Date Submitted:</b> 1/23/2024  |
| <b>Title of Issue (a short descriptive title by which the issue may be referenced):</b>   |
| Graduate Catalog Edit: Graduate Credit for ODU Undergraduates   |
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| <b>Description of Issue:</b>  |
| The Graduate Administrators' Council (GAC) recommended changes to this policy to reflect clear language on how credits can be used toward the undergraduate and graduate degrees for approved linked programs, especially how up to 12 graduate credits taken as an undergraduate may also be applied toward the graduate degree in a way that allows these credits to dual count for both degrees. Additional edits made the list of linked programs more up-to-date.                                |
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| <b>Rational for Submission:</b>   |
| There has been some confusion about whether graduate credits taken as an undergraduate could be used toward an undergraduate and graduate degree in a way that shortens the number of discrete credits needed for the degrees. This policy clarifies this possibility and allowance of up to 12 graduate credits that can be used toward the undergraduate degree's requirement of 120 credits and the graduate degree's required number of minimum credits for either a master's or doctoral degree. |
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| The need for this change and clarification is significant given our competitors often allow such credit sharing; when do not we are disadvantaged. Further, this policy is hoped to encourage more students to remain at ODU for their graduate degrees, thereby enhancing our faculty's ability to keep talented students and positively impacting graduate enrollment.  |
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