

## Summer term realignment:

**Summer 2018** has been realigned into a single term to facilitate the following:

- ✓ Streamline the registration process
- ✓ Maximize students' enrollment status and financial aid eligibility
- ✓ Streamline financial aid, billing calculation, payment processes
- ✓ Better comply with federal financial aid regulations and best practices for summer aid
- ✓ "Front-load" registration/payment to maximize collection of FY 18 revenue prior to July 1

For scheduling of courses and faculty, there was no essential change to the usual structure of the Summer—just the labels changed:

| Previous Years | 2018  |
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| Summer I       | Summer Session A (Section numbers will carry the letter A – 01A, 02A, etc.) |
| Summer II      | Summer Session B (Section numbers will carry the letter B – 01B, 02B, etc.) |
| Summer III     | Summer Term 2018 (full term – section numbers as usual, 01, 02, etc.)       |

## "Walking" Policy

**For Commencement 2018:** applies only to current May 2018 candidates. May 2018 candidates may participate in the Commencement exercises if at the time grades are posted for Spring 2018:

--Undergraduates are in good academic standing (2.00 institutional/cumulative GPA, minimum 2.00 in major/minor or higher as required for education), and need to complete no more than 2 courses, no more than 9 credits. No Latin honors will be calculated or posted, and students will be notated as an August candidate in the program. Students who "walk" prior to completion do not participate again in Commencement when they complete requirements. Graduation will be certified, the degree conferred, and the diploma produced and sent to students on the next conferral date after requirements have been completed.

--Graduate students are in good academic standing (3.00 institutional/cumulative GPA) and need to complete no more than 1 course (Master's degree) or 2 courses (Doctoral degree). Students will be notated as an August candidate in the program, and do not participate again in Commencement when they complete. Graduation will be certified, the degree conferred, and the diploma produced and sent to students on the next conferral date after requirements have been completed.

**For Commencement 2019 and after:** same policy, but applies to May and August candidates (who will apply for graduation at the same time, beginning October 2018).

## Changes to Rule 22 (The 60-Hour Rule)

--On hold for now—detail on reverse

Adjusted Rule 22 (60-hour repeat rule), and its implications, January 2018

| OLD RULE   | NEW RULE   |
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| Applies only once for a course; the most recent grade and all subsequent grades earned for that course will be calculated into the GPA.                              | Same.  |
| Original grade remains on the transcript, but is marked (/R) so as not to calculate in the GPA. Any subsequent repeat(s) of that course are calculated into the GPA. | Same.  |
| Repeat must happen prior to the receipt of the baccalaureate   | Same   |
| Course to be repeated must be repeated at Shepherd. (local provision)  | TBD  |
| Forgiveness applies to a grade of D, F, or IF on a course taken within the student's first 60 attempted college credits (including transfer work)                    | Applies to a grade of D or F on a course taken <u>prior to the receipt of a baccalaureate degree</u>   |
| Other than the 60-attempted hour limit, there are no max limits to repeat-forgiveness.   | 60-hour limit is removed; but total repeat-forgiveness is capped at 21 credits.<br><br>It is not yet clear whether the 21-credit cap is institution-based, or comprehensive across all institutions presented toward the baccalaureate degree. For example, if a transfer student comes to us from one of the WV CTC's (where the rule has NOT changed, and no cap applies) who has already been awarded <u>21 or more</u> repeat credits, what is our obligation to comply with the new 4Y rule?  |
|  | At least one institution still maintains a CTC and 4Y school within the same database. How are those registrars to manage two different repeat policies on students in the same database/institution?  |
| No provision for forgiving grades above D/F.   | Allows "the appropriate head of the academic unit where the student's major resides" to allow repeat forgiveness on up to 8 credits of upper-division work where the grade earned is a C or below. <b>These 8 credits are counted within (not in addition to) the 21-credit allowance.</b><br><br>For this reason, newly approved upper-division credit forgiveness may require some "unforgiving" of previously forgiven lower-division work, if the lower-division repeats already approach or max out the limit. <b>This adjustment is to be directed as well by "the appropriate head of the academic unit where the student's major resides".</b><br><br>Process/authority point TBD. |