

Proposition: 16-16/17

Title: A Proposal to Modify the Undergraduate Catalog - Viewing a Wider World Waiver for Military Experience

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Proposed Committee: University Affairs

Assigned Committee:

Prior Approvals:

none

Rationale:

The NMSU undergraduate catalog requires all students to take two 3-credit VWW courses. The catalog currently includes a provision to replace one of these VWW courses with a 3-credit course taken through a Study Abroad program. This proposition would further allow students who have served in the military overseas for at least four weeks to *waive* one of the VWW courses.

Military service does not earn college credit. Service members who will deploy overseas are required to take military courses (up to 80 hours of training) that cover cultures, customs, and languages of the countries where they will be deployed. We do not, however, propose to offer returning servicemembers NMSU credit for this training or their service. Rather, we propose to *waive* one VWW requirement for those students. Their total number of required credits would not be affected.

Under this proposed change, students would *not* be allowed to replace or waive *both* VWW requirements. That is, a student who had both served overseas and studied abroad would need to select *one* provision to either waive or replace a single VWW requirement.

We propose that servicemembers returning from at least a 4-week deployment should be able to *waive* one of the VWW requirements.

Proposal:

Replace the following text from the NMSU Undergraduate Catalog

One of the courses (3 credits) may be replaced by Study Abroad Experience, consisting of at least four weeks of a Study Abroad program/University coursework in a foreign country earning 3 credits.

with

One of the courses (3 credits) may be replaced by Study Abroad Experience, consisting of at least four weeks of a Study Abroad program/University coursework in a foreign country earning 3 credits,

or

One of the two VWW requirements may be waived for Military Experience, by students who have served at least four weeks of military service in a foreign country.