

# ACADEMIC POLICIES

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## Changes in Major or Minor

All changes to a major or minor must be requested no later than mid-semester of the fall semester of the senior year. Changes to a major or minor are made via the information verification process in the online registration system, or by notifying the Registrar's Office in writing.

## Excused Absences

Students are excused for College-sponsored activities and for reasons of health and personal obligation. Faculty members honor excuses from the Dean of Students or the College Physician when properly requested by the student. In discussion with students, faculty members determine appropriate ways to make up the work missed.

## Petitions

A student may request special permission to deviate from prescribed academic policies (e.g. to enroll in six or more course credits per semester, for dropping and adding courses after deadlines due to extenuating circumstances, etc.). The student must obtain a petition form in the Registrar's Office, complete the student portion, obtain recommendations from the academic advisor and other faculty members as appropriate, and turn in the completed form to the Registrar's Office. A petition to take a course overload must be presented at the time of registration. The petition will be acted upon by the Curriculum Appeals Committee and the result relayed to the student, advisor, and when appropriate, course instructors.

## Availability of Student Records

The policy of the Registrar's Office is to not release personally identifiable academic information (transcripts, grade averages, class rank, etc.) via telephone, fax, email or other means to any individual or requesting entity, except when granted specific permission to do so by the student, in such cases as required by law, or to persons working on behalf of Wabash College who can establish a legitimate educational interest as defined in the College's FERPA policy (<http://bulletin.wabash.edu/academic-policies/ferpa>).

Release of such information must be granted by the student, with a hand written signature; except in the case of transcripts, see below for more information regarding transcripts. The Registrar's Office will accept the release via email, provided it comes from the student's College email account (ending in wabash.edu). The release should specify what information is to be released and to whom. Please allow a minimum of two working days for processing of informational requests.

Transcript ordering is processed through the National Student Clearinghouse. Current students will link to the Clearinghouse's Self Services site at [www.wabash.edu/registrar](http://www.wabash.edu/registrar) and log in to place their order. Alumni and former students can access the Clearinghouse at [www.studentclearinghouse.org](http://www.studentclearinghouse.org) (<https://www.studentclearinghouse.org>). The Registrar's Office will process these requests during normal business hours. All requests will be processed within 2-4 business days of receipt. Current and non-current students have the ability to attach up to two documents (such as a co-curricular transcript or documents associated with graduate school admissions) and request that they be sent with the transcript. Current and non-current students also have the option to pick up their transcript in the Registrar's Office. An email will be sent when the transcript is ready for pickup.

Parents who need an Enrollment Verification should ask their student to link to the Clearinghouse's Self Services site at [www.wabash.edu/registrar](http://www.wabash.edu/registrar) where the Enrollment Verification can be printed or emailed by the student. Employer or background screening firms requesting information regarding Degree Verification should visit the National Student Clearinghouse at <http://www.studentclearinghouse.org/>.

Replacement diplomas will **not** be issued in any name other than that certified (on record) at the time of graduation.