

Final (Amended) Recommendation on Referral AP-008-145

BY ALEX SMALL, CHAIR, ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS

Timeline of Referral

- January 2015: Received by AP Committee
- January to May: Consultation, discussion
- May 27, 2015: First Reading
- July 22, 2015: Discussion in Senate

Subsequent changes

- **Minimum of 5-6 units in program core:** It is “expected” that there will be 6, but the minimum number is 5

→ We interpret this as saying that programs can go with 5 but they will have to justify it.

Additionally:

- 3000-level courses allowed if appropriate for a student's needs and approved by the program's graduate coordinator.
 - The 3000/4000 distinction is often a fine one. What matters is that there be scrutiny (via program coordinator) if a "gray area" class is taken by a graduate student.
- Example project categories were well-received.
 - These example categories are to provide guidance, not straightjackets.