Senior Prerequisites Exemption PASSED: March 25, 2010

The faculty of JMU impart to our students a body of knowledge and a desire to be lifetime learners. To facilitate student responsibility for learning in school and beyond, we urge the Registrar to create a registration mechanism that will allow Seniors to enroll in courses faculty members or departments have designated as appropriate without regard to prerequisites. The mechanism should admit Seniors to courses faculty or departments have opted in to the program on a space available basis, after all others who are required to take the courses have had an opportunity to enroll. The following statement should be added to the Undergraduate Catalog when the mechanism is in place:

Catalog Statement:

To facilitate in students the assumption of responsibility for their own learning and the leveraging of things learned to acquire more learning, Seniors are permitted to enroll in certain undergraduate courses without meeting course pre-requisites. This policy applies on a space available basis to courses opted in to the program by a department or professor. While things learned in the major or through extracurricular study may equip Seniors to master course material without meeting pre-requisites in these courses, it is the obligation of the student to do any necessary remedial work that is required for them to be successful in courses they take under this provision.