

Degree Standards Policy

Purpose	To ensure all Bachelor Degrees, whether new or revised, further the strategic plan (goals) of VCC, produce student outcomes of appropriate standards, and meet relevant education objectives and current Ministry Guidelines.
Policy	The development, revision and approval of degree programs at VCC will follow a transparent and consistent process to ensure that programs are educationally viable and meet appropriate standards.
Applies to	Students, Faculty, Department Heads, Deans, Vice-Presidents
Responsibility	Vice-President Education, Registrar
Procedures	<p>A Degree Standards Committee, reporting to the Vice-President, Education, will be established to be responsible for the review of all degree proposals. The committee will assist with the development of all degree proposals, and review and advise on proposals prior to submission to the Curriculum Committee. The Committee will set standards for degrees that would include but not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• residency requirements• admission and advanced standing• core, mandatory and elective courses• the total number of credits• the designations of lower level and upper level courses• depth and breadth of the curriculum• instructor qualifications• prior learning assessment approaches• special services required by education areas• an appropriate degree audit process that assures that all degree requirements have been met before each student graduates

The Committee will determine a formal process for graduation that would include but not be limited to:

- student's application to graduate
- Registrar's Office process
- the role of the Degree Standards Committee
- notification to College Board
- official VCC 'grantor' of the degree

The Degree Standards Committee will consist of but not be limited to:

- Registrar or Designate
- A Dean responsible for applied programs
- Dean of Arts and Sciences
- Dean for the Centre for Instructional Development (Committee Chair)
- Chair, Education Council
- One Instructor from a VCC degree program

Definitions
Replaces

Related to:

- C.1.3 Granting of Credentials
- C.1.4 Assignment of Credits to Courses Policy
- C. 1.1 Course/Program Grading Policy
- New Curriculum Development at VCC

1. **Policy Sponsor** VP Education

2. **Approvals:**

President_____

Date:_____

Education Council Chair_____

Date:_____

Operations Council Chair_____

Date:_____

Board Chair_____

Date:_____

3. **Amendments**

President_____

Date:_____

Education Council Chair_____

Date:_____

Operations Council Chair_____

Date:_____

Board Chair_____

Date:_____

4. **Review Date**