

## **TRANSFER CREDIT POLICIES FOR COURSEWORK COMPLETED AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS**

### **Current Policy**

On-line/distance learning courses cannot earn transfer credit.

<http://cms.skidmore.edu/registrar/tcp.cfm>

### **New Policy**

CEPP moves that effective Spring 2011, Skidmore will accept in transfer on-line course work completed successfully through an appropriately accredited institution.

Implementation: All the current requirements for the awarding of transfer credit apply, including but not limited to institutional accreditation, minimum required grade, and the need for an official transcript.

### Rationale:

- On-line courses have become a routine set of offerings at many regionally accredited institutions (80%), and students have the opportunity to enroll in those courses as part of the array of courses available to them.
- As recommended by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) official transcripts rarely identify the mode of instruction. It is nearly impossible to identify on-line courses from the transcript and catalog description alone.
- The decisions made about course equivalency and quality should be based upon course content and student learning objectives and not on how that material is delivered.
- Students away on leave, completing an internship away from campus, working during the summer, or finishing in absentia would find it especially helpful to have this option available to them as a way to complete requirements.