In 1998, the McIntire School of Commerce established the Undergraduate Program Committee (UPC) to monitor, to review, and to enhance the complete experience associated with the B.S. in Commerce Program, including the effectiveness of our undergraduate curriculum. The UPC is chaired by the Associate Dean for the B.S. in Commerce Program, and its members are:

- The Assistant Dean for Student Services
- The Assistant Dean for Career Services
- Faculty representing each of the School’s Academic Areas
- Two students (one third-year and one fourth-year).

The UPC meets every other week during the Academic Calendar year. Additional meetings are scheduled if needed throughout the year. The School’s Undergraduate Registrar coordinates scheduling and also takes the minutes for each meeting. The minutes of a meeting are approved at the subsequent meeting and then posted in the UPC section of the School’s public Outlook folders.

The UPC serves as the School’s Rules Committee. It reviews and accepts or denies all petitions asking for exceptions to the School’s rules as described in the Undergraduate Record, including residency requirements, probation, and suspension. These rules are attached below. Petitions are submitted by students to the UPC through the School’s Registrar or the Assistant Dean for Student Services.

The UPC reviews all proposed curriculum changes and presents those proposed changes with the Committee’s recommendation to the McIntire Faculty for approval. In addition, the UPC continually reviews the curriculum and proposes major and minor changes to the McIntire Faculty. All changes to the curriculum must be approved by the Faculty.

For example, in 1998, a comprehensive UPC assessment of the core curriculum revealed that the traditional structure and delivery of this curriculum in our Program, as well as in virtually all undergraduate business schools, limit the relevance, flexibility, functional integrative capability, and strategic perspective that are essential to developing the next generation of business leaders. In response, the UPC developed an innovative plan to offer a new core curriculum. This plan became the Integrated Core Experience (ICE) that is a revolutionary model for the undergraduate third-year core curriculum.

From the Undergraduate Record:

Residency Requirement

It is the philosophy of the McIntire School of Commerce that students should be broadly educated to deal with the complex issues of the business community and society at large. The school’s program is designed to increase students’ skills and build upon previous knowledge. In order to effectively achieve program goals, the school requires that students be enrolled full-time for two academic years and complete a minimum of 57 credits. Students are also required to complete all core, concentration, and elective Commerce courses at the McIntire School of Commerce (see Study Abroad section). Exceptions to this policy must be submitted to, and approved by, the McIntire Rules Committee.

Probation

Probation is a state of warning involving the withdrawal of certain privileges from the student. No student on probation may be a member of any organization that publicly represents the University. Probation is incurred when a student:

1. passes fewer than 12 credits or earns less than a 2.000 grade point average in any one semester; or
2. carries fewer than 15 credits of graded work per semester without permission; or
3. after two or more semesters in the McIntire School, has a grade point deficiency exceeding nine grade points, either in all Commerce courses attempted or in all courses attempted at the University.

Probation shall last for one semester under (1) above and for so long as the grade point deficiency exceeds nine grade points under (3). Students are not usually removed from probation by attending summer school. However, if summer school work completely eliminates a grade point deficiency, the Rules Committee of the McIntire School will consider a petition for removal from probation.

Suspension

Suspension involves enforced withdrawal from the University and may be issued whenever a student:

1. passes fewer than nine credits or earns less than a 1.800 grade point average in one semester; or
2. after two or more semesters in the McIntire School, has a cumulative grade point deficiency in excess of 12 grade points, either in all Commerce courses attempted or in all courses attempted at the University; or
3. incurs probation for the third time; or
4. incurs probation after a suspension.

Suspension normally lasts for one academic year. Suspended students may normally return only in the academic semester that follows the last successfully completed semester (e.g., a student suspended after the spring semester, third year, must enroll in third-year courses in a subsequent spring semester).

Additionally, a student who has been suspended only once must normally attend a full-time program at the University of Virginia summer session to make up grade point deficiencies. Upon completion of this program, the student may apply to the McIntire Rules Committee for readmission. The application for readmission is to be submitted to the Rules Committee through the assistant dean for student services of the McIntire School. Readmission is not automatic. A student who is readmitted after suspension is placed on a probationary status for a period of one semester. No student who is suspended a second time will be readmitted.