



Tufts Community Union Senate

**A Resolution Calling for the Tufts Arts, Sciences and Engineering Faculty to Amend  
the Education Policy Committee's Pre-Matriculation Credit Policy  
Recommendation**

1 WHEREAS the Education Policy Committee (EPC) has recommended changes to the  
2 current pre-matriculation policy to the Arts, Sciences and Engineering (AS&E) Faculty  
3 that would make receiving credit for AP exams more restrictive; and

4 WHEREAS the EPC's recommendations include: restricting the use of pre-matriculation  
5 credits to only one of the two Distribution Area credits, limiting the number of pre-  
6 matriculation credits brought into Tufts from high school to five, restricting the ability to  
7 accelerate graduation via the Advanced Standing petition for one full Academic Year,  
8 clarifying the use of the term "Acceleration Credit" in the Bulletin, and requesting that  
9 each department look at the AP test in their area and determine if the department's credit  
10 policy is up-to-date; and

11 WHEREAS the cost of a full semester consisting of five and half credits at Tufts  
12 University costs \$25,700, averaging \$4, 672 per full credit class and the cost of a full  
13 credit summer course at Tufts is \$1,750;<sup>1</sup> and

14 WHEREAS the cost to take a single AP exam is \$86;<sup>2</sup> and

15 WHEREAS the EPC has justified these changes using a variety of arguments<sup>3</sup>; therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED that while inherent disparity exists between different high schools'  
17 academic programs, the proposed changes to the pre-matriculation policy will hurt the  
18 interests of all students; and

19 BE IT RESOLVED that the Tufts Community Union (TCU) Senate anticipates that the  
20 implementation of the proposed policy changes would add further strain to high-demand  
21 introductory-level courses fulfilling Foundation and Distribution Requirements, such as  
22 MATH 0009, The Mathematics of Social Choice; and

23 BE IT RESOLVED that the TCU Senate feels that the proposed changes in policy will  
24 have a detrimental effect on students and their families, as many students depend on pre-  
25 matriculation credits to relieve the financial burden of attending Tufts; and

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<sup>1</sup> <http://ase.tufts.edu/summer/tuition.asp>; <http://admissions.tufts.edu/?pid=175>

<sup>2</sup> <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/exam/calendar/190165.html>

<sup>3</sup> "Rationale for Reducing Accepted AP Credits At Tufts," Education Policy Committee

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26 BE IT RESOLVED that limiting students to one pre-matriculation credit in each  
27 distribution area will force students to retake courses in areas in which they have already  
28 proved competent; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the TCU Senate supports the request for each  
30 department to look at the AP exams in their subject area to determine if their departments  
31 AP credit policy is up-to-date and will maintain the highest quality of education at Tufts;  
32 and

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the TCU Senate urges the AS&E Faculty NOT to  
34 adopt three out of the five changes proposed by the EPC: restricting pre-matriculation  
35 credit to only one of two Distribution Area credits, limiting the number of pre-  
36 matriculation credits brought into Tufts during matriculation to five, and restricting the  
37 ability to accelerate graduation with Advanced Standing one full Academic Year.

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