Petition for an Optional, Academic Ninth Semester

Students seeking permission on academic grounds to attend Brown for a ninth semester may petition the Committee on Academic Standing (CAS). [Important note: Those who have taken a medical leave or who have had approved course-load reductions should not use this form. Consult with the Deputy Dean of the College about your situation.]

Students may seek an additional semester, either full-time or part-time, to supplement required features of their degree programs. Students approved for continuation in an optional ninth remain in active degree-seeking status.

- Students on financial aid would not be eligible for Brown institutional funds nor for university housing—unless vacancies were available in the optional ninth semester.
- Such students are regularly enrolled, however, and may be eligible for other kinds of financial aid. (Students must be enrolled "at least half-time" to be eligible to apply for federal aid. At least half-time is two courses at Brown.)

Students in the following circumstances may petition CAS for the optional ninth.

1. Completion of courses remaining at Brown to reach the minimum academic requirement of 30 credits—an optional alternative to completing under “Enrollment Terminated Requirements Pending (ETRP) status.
2. Taking a capstone course, when not strictly required for degree completion.
3. Completing an honors thesis course, when not strictly required for degree completion.
4. Completing a second concentration, when that concentration could be completed no later than the end of the optional ninth semester.
5. A study abroad program through Brown—or an additional study abroad semester to extend to a year-long study abroad experience—again, assuming it is a Brown Program.
6. A Brown study abroad experience for a junior transfer.
7. An eighth semester at Brown after a study away semester.
8. Completion of a research project sponsored by the concentration advisor, Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS) or other faculty.
9. Additional course-taking endorsed by the concentration advisor or DUS.
10. Completion of courses to satisfy or strengthen pre-med or other pre-health application requirements.
11. Taking an independent study course as part of an approved Curricular Practical Training (CPT) opportunity (for F1 students).

Approved students would have their Estimated Date of Completion (EDOC) modified to reflect the completion of their project, course taking or study abroad. They remain degree-seeking students.
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Name: _______________________________________

Banner ID: __________________

Concentration: __________________________

Concentration Advisor: ________________________________

Proposed Semester for Optional Ninth Semester (e.g. Fall or Spring 201X) __________________

Proposed number of courses to be taken _____________________

Academic Justification:

I understand, if approved, I am not eligible for Brown institutional aid for the optional ninth semester, nor for university housing (except as space may be available).

Signature ____________________________    Date:  _________________

Petitions should be accompanied by:

• A letter of support from the Director of Undergraduate Studies for your department or your from concentration advisor.
• A course plan for the ninth semester.

Completed petitions can be sent or delivered to the Dean of the College Office, Secretary of the Committee on Academic Standing, University Hall 207.

The Deputy Dean of the College is available to discuss criteria for petitions.