FROM THE DIVISION III POLICY STATEMENT, NON SATUS NON SCIRE:

We expect Division III students as scholars and artists to engage in activities concurrent with their Division III independent study project that have the dual goal of broadening the scope of their intellectual endeavor and making their more mature skills and viewpoints available to the College at large. All advanced educational activities must demonstrate serious academic and intellectual approach and engagement at an advanced level. Advanced educational activities must be pre-approved by the Division III committee, indicate semester-long involvement and be evaluated with either a grade or narrative evaluation.

Students must complete two advanced educational activities while they are engaged in Division III work. The primary activity must be an advanced level course or supervised teaching. The second activity may be an advanced course; supervised teaching; a supervised internship; a course of independent study for which the student is properly registered; or facilitation of an EPEC course that is planned with and evaluated by a Hampshire faculty member. In all cases, the student’s primary activity must be an advanced course, or supervised teaching. Students who take an advanced course at another college or university must receive a grade of C- or better in a credit-bearing course of at least three credits, in order for that course to count as an advanced activity. Division III students who enroll in off-campus courses should be aware that formal awarding of the degree will be delayed if confirmation of course completion is not received prior to Hampshire’s commencement.

The work for all advanced educational activities must be completed by the end of the Hampshire examination period. Students may not negotiate an incomplete in the final semester for any advanced activity. Failure to complete an advanced activity - whether advanced course, supervised teaching, internship, or independent study - will result in the student having to complete an advanced-level course at another institution, pre-approved by the Division III chairperson in a revised contract. The student’s graduation date will be delayed until after receipt of a transcript documenting successful completion of the substituted course.

Definitions:

Advanced Course: An advanced-level course related to the student’s Division III area of study. All Hampshire 300-level courses may be used with the approval of the Division III committee. An upper 200-level Hampshire course or a course offered at another college or university that is directed at seniors or graduate students, may be used with the approval of the committee. Division III students who enroll in off-campus courses that extend beyond graduation deadlines should be aware that formal awarding of the degree will be delayed if confirmation of course completion is not received prior to Hampshire commencement.

Supervised Teaching: A semester-long teaching activity approved by the student’s committee in which the student shares teaching responsibilities with faculty. A January Term course is acceptable only if it is equivalent to a semester-long course and fully approved as part of a school’s curriculum. Note that the supervised teaching responsibilities of a teaching assistant differ significantly from the duties of a course assistant, which are more limited in scope. A teaching assistant helps plan the course and engages in teaching activities. Those activities include leading discussions, holding office hours for student appointments and providing feedback on papers and other assignments.