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# Graduate College

## Graduate Faculty Meeting 4/18/23

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# Agenda

- Welcome
- Approval of the November 7, 2022 Minutes
- Dean's Report – Cindy Forehand
- Search Updates
- Co-location updates
- AMP processes post 200 AGC courses
- Another Option for Graduate Credit Taken as an Undergraduate or Non-degree Student
- Graduate Housing Update
- Admissions Report
- Activities of the Graduate Executive Committee
- New business
- Adjourn

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# Dean's Report

- Search Updates
  - Associate Dean for Academic & Student Affairs
  - Graduate College Dean
  - Admissions CRM Specialist
- Co-location updates
- AMP processes post 200 AGC courses
- Another Option for Graduate Credit Taken as an Undergraduate or Non-degree Student
- Graduate Housing Update

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# Dean's Report

## Co-location Updates

- Co-location applies to 200AGC courses in the old system
- 68 pairs have been approved
- For Fall 23/Spring 24/Summer 24 ONLY, co-location requests with Special Topics may be requested as a one-time exception to allow units time to create the actual permanent courses desired for co-location. UG/GR co-locations with Special Topics are only permitted with 5990 Special Topics sections.

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# Dean's Report

## Co-location Updates

- If you were unable to complete the work for the 200-level AGC co-locations by the February 15 deadline, an extension to May 8, 2023 is allowed. Courses that are not received by May 8, 2023 are no longer eligible for co-location.
- Academic Deans may submit a request for an extension of the co-location deadline to February 15, 2024; this request must be submitted by May 1, 2023 and approved before May 8, 2023.

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# Dean's Report

## Co-location Updates

- Course numbering is level, not student specific
- All 3000- or 4000-level must be upper undergraduate level
  - Expectations of graduate or non-degree students taking this level of course are the same as for undergraduate students
- All 5000-level courses must be at the graduate level
  - Expectations of undergraduate or non-degree students taking this level of course are the same as for graduate students

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# Dean's Report

## AMP processes post 200 AGC courses

- AMP stands for Accelerated Entry into a Graduate Program
- The AMP is not a degree – only an entry.
- AMP students may use up to 9 credits of graduate-level courses taken at UVM toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees.
- “AMP students” ARE BOTH graduate and undergraduate students before they complete the bachelor's and graduate students ONLY after they complete the bachelor's
- Students must be admitted to the graduate program (for the term they are taking the courses) prior to taking any graduate courses that will double count.
- They may take a MAXIMUM of 9 graduate credits before completing the bachelor's. Graduate credits must be 5000- or 6000- level
- Walking at undergraduate commencement before they complete the bachelor's does not change this rule.

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# Dean's Report

## Another Option: Graduate Course Enrollment for Undergraduate Students

UVM Senior undergraduates may enroll for up to 6 graduate credits (5000- or 6000-level) at UVM that can transfer into a UVM graduate program after completion of the Bachelor's under the following circumstances: the student must be enrolled in 12 credits (per semester) that are required for their undergraduate degree; courses must be graded and cannot be independent study, practicum, internship, or research credit courses. This graduate level credit can be used as transfer credit into a UVM graduate program if the course is deemed appropriate by the student's advisor for the particular graduate program and the student earned a grade of B or better. The transfer is credit only (not grade) and does not count towards the minimum graded credit required after matriculation into the graduate program. Other institutions may not accept such credit, earned before award of the bachelor's degree, in transfer to their graduate programs.



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# Dean's Report

- Graduate (and Medical) Student Housing

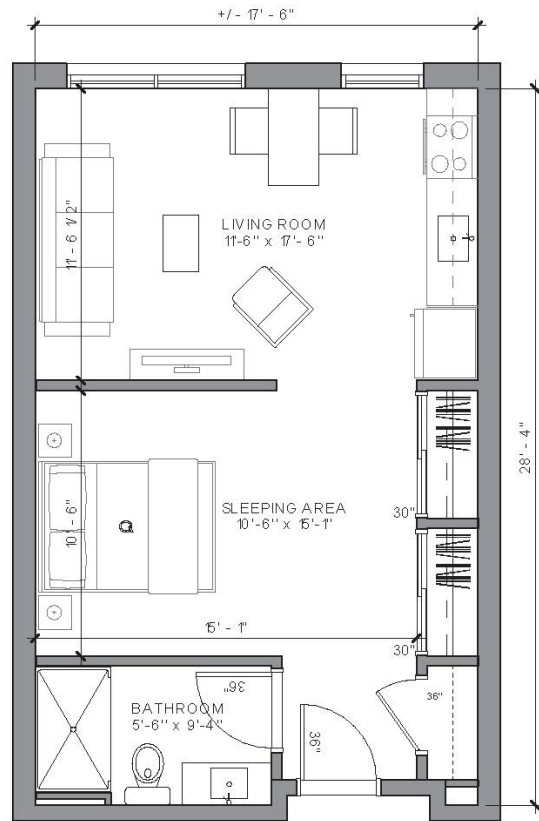


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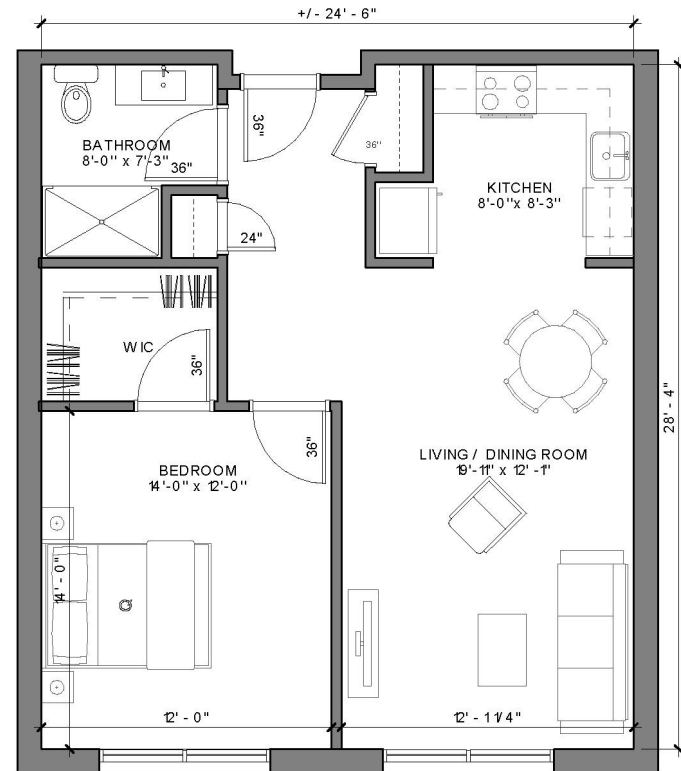
## Catamount Run - Overview

- Located at the intersection of Market Street and Garden Street in South Burlington near the South Burlington Library and City Hall
- Near Trader Joe's, Healthy Living Market, Hannaford, University Mall
- Near Rick Marcotte Central School (PreK- grade 5)
- Pedestrian bridge over the Interstate anticipated in three years
- First phase of project under construction – approximately 250 beds
- Available Summer 2024
- Second phase planned for occupancy Summer 2025 – Additional 300+ beds



Studio ~490 sq ft

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One Bedroom ~690 sq. ft



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## Amenities and Particulars

- Tenants must be UVM affiliates or spouse, civil union partner or children of UVM affiliate (provides access in a tight market)
- Laundry in building
- Rent includes heat and hot water; tenants pay electricity and internet
- Covered or uncovered parking available for additional cost
- Pets allowed with additional cost
- Rent projections (subject to change)
  - Studio - \$1800/ month up to two people
  - 1BR - \$1900/month with up to two adults and one child
  - 2 BR \$2500/month with up to 4 people
- **Not affordable for most graduate and medical students – a problem looking for a solution**

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## Catamount Run Costs Related to Livable Wage

UVM stipends are set to the [Vermont Basic Needs Budget](#) (VTBNB) for a single individual sharing a two-bedroom apartment with another individual. (Doctoral stipends in FY 24, master's in FY 25)

A livable wage is defined as that needed to meet basic needs. The VTBNB includes costs for essential items such as food, housing, transportation, clothing and household expenses, telecommunications charges, health and dental care, renters' insurance, and savings. We added in the cost of UVM's mandatory fees. We have also doubled the VTBNB Living Wage so students can meet the Livable Salary on a 0.5FTE appointment (1040 hrs/yr).

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## Catamount Run Costs Related to Livable Wage

For reference, here are actual numbers for the wage and annual salary (2080 hours at the listed wage) reference points in Vermont

Poverty wage:	\$6.33/hr	\$13,166 annual	2080 hrs
175% of poverty wage:	\$11.08/hr	\$23,566 annual	2080 hrs
Minimum wage:	\$13.18/hr	\$27,414 annual	2080 hrs
VTBNB livable wage:	\$15.33/hr	\$31,887 annual	2080 hrs
FY 24 Masters	\$26.78/hr	\$27,850 annual	1040 hrs
FY 24 doctoral	\$30.77/hr	\$32,000 annual	1040 hrs

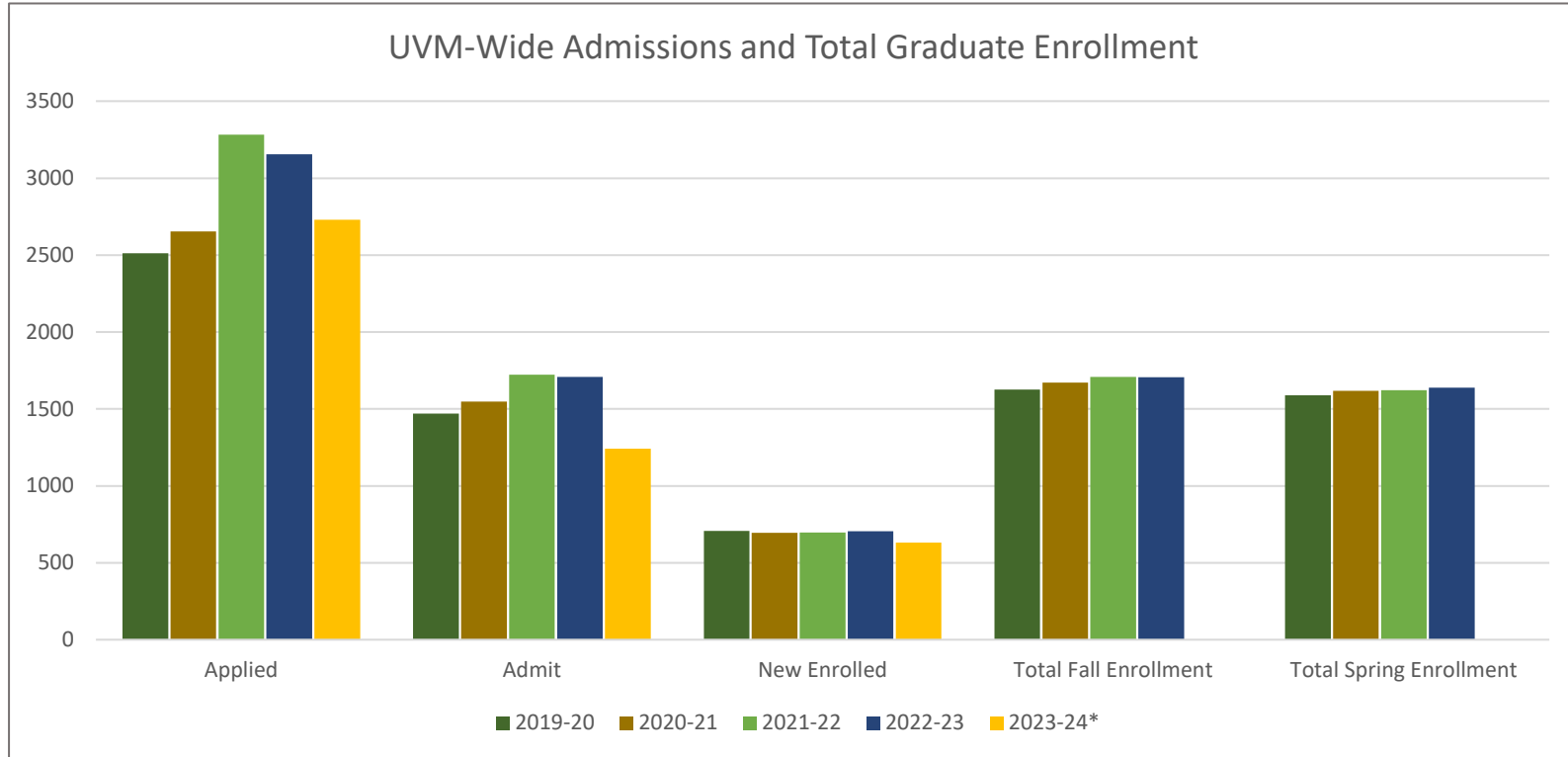
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# Graduate College

Admissions Update  
Spring 2023

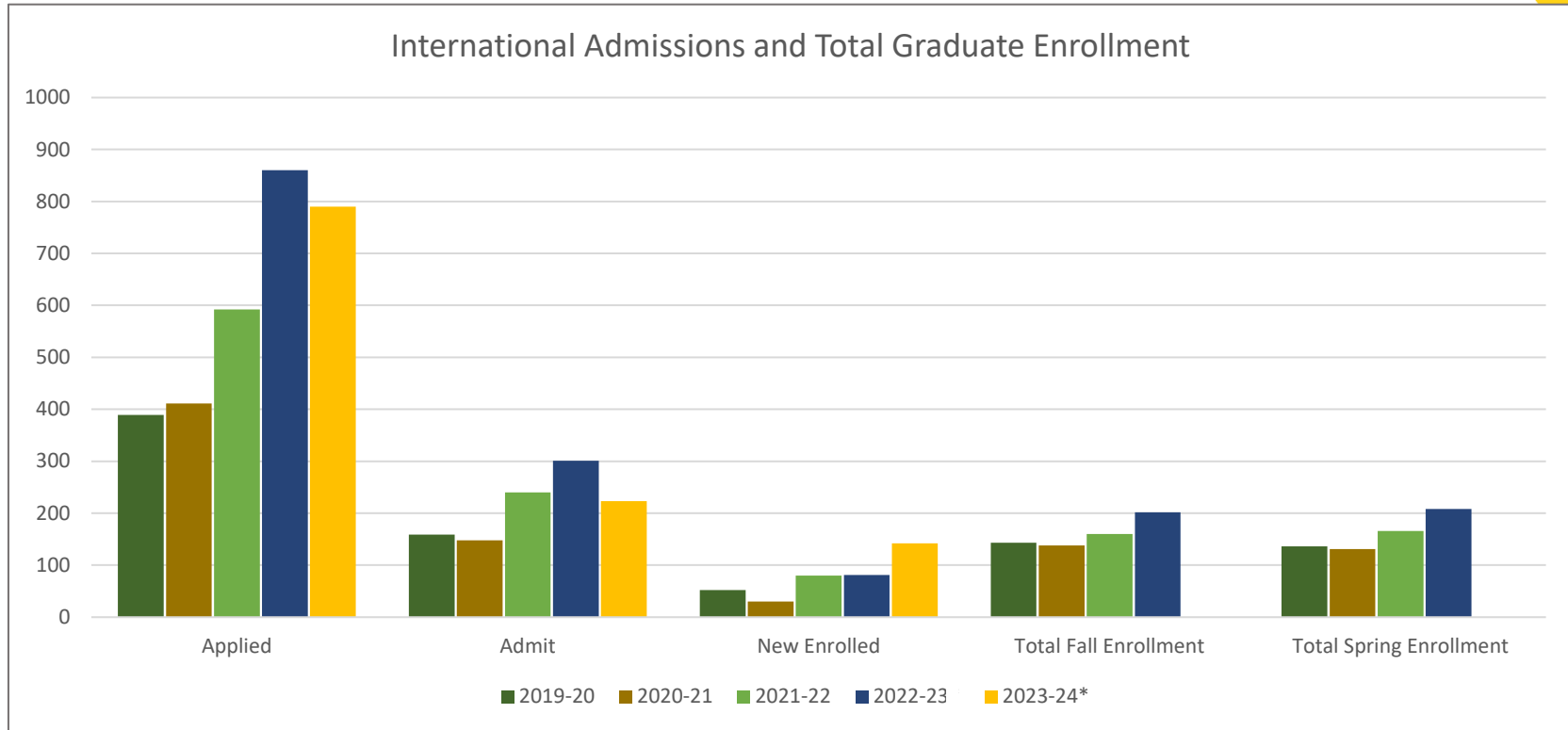


# Graduate Admissions and Enrollment AY Comparison



\*2023-24 values are for admissions cycle in progress as of 4/17/23 with no data for Spring. Applications are still arriving and not all programs have made admit decisions. New enrollment is based on applicant responses. Expect ~ 8% melt.

# International Graduate Admissions and Enrollment AY Comparison



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# Graduate Executive Committee Actions

## Meetings

10 meetings subsequent to last Graduate Faculty meeting

## Reviewed

38 new/significant change course proposals – not co-locations

68 new co-location pairs

110 minimal change, deactivation, delete course proposals

15 Graduate Faculty applicants

26 Graduate Faculty Reappointments, 4 withdrawals

## Student and Faculty Awards Cycle in Progress

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# Graduate Executive Committee Actions

## Approved

- New programs:
- Concentration in Global Health Leadership in the MPH
- 8 mCGS related to 4 “parent” public health program CGS
- AMP entry for M.Ed. In Curriculum and Instruction
  
- FY 24 Minimum Stipends
- 7.9% increase to doctoral stipend to be \$32,000 (\$30.77/hr)
  - Meets [VT Basic Needs Budget](#) for a single individual sharing a two-bedroom apartment with one individual.
- 17% increase to minimum master’s stipend to be \$27,850 (\$26.78/hr)
  - Set FY 25 policy that minimum stipends for master’s will also be at the same VT Basic Needs Budget

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# Graduate Executive Committee Actions

## Approved

- Other Discussions:
- Multiple conversations on 3 to 4-digit renumbering and affiliated policies
- Admissions criteria change for the MPS in Leadership for Sustainability (and potentially other MPS degrees)
- Core curriculum changes for PhD in Transdisciplinary Leadership and Creativity for Sustainability
- Mechanism for leaving the medical curriculum with a Master of Science in Medical Science
- Updated catalogue language regarding Incompletes to match Faculty Senate approved changes for Undergraduate catalog

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**New Business**

**Adjourn**