



GRADUATE COUNCIL

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Amanda Beecher

PD of MSAM and MSDS

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS @ RCNJ

537 Graduate Students



Health Care	DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)	Business	M.S. IN ACCOUNTING (MSAC)
Business	MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)	Technology	M.F.A. IN CREATIVE MUSIC TECHNOLOGY
Technology	M.S. IN DATA SCIENCE (MSDS)	Education	M.A. IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (MAEL)
Health Care	M.S. IN NURSING (MSN)	Education	M.A. IN SPECIAL EDUCATION (MASE)
Health Care	MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW)	Technology	M.S. IN APPLIED MATHEMATICS (MSAM)
Technology	M.S. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE (MSCS)	Policy	M.S. IN PUBLIC POLICY

TWO TYPES OF 4+1 PROGRAMS



4+1

- Declare with undergrad major
- 4+1 academic advisor
- Take 2-3 grad courses as an undergrad
- Grad courses double count for undergrad and grad degree
- Meet same admission standards to enter into +1 year
- No commitment to stay or continue in program

Advanced Standing

- Qualify with undergrad major
- Do not need to declare
- Do not take grad courses as an undergrad
- Begin program after undergraduate graduation



4+1 STATS

- **910 students** in the undergraduate majors listed below, about **340 (or 37%)** are declared 4+1 majors:
 - Accounting
 - Bioinformatics
 - Computer Science
 - Data Science
 - Elementary Education
 - Mathematics
 - Music
- **935** UG business majors qualify for the MBA Advanced Standing program
- **190** BSW majors that qualify for the MSW Advanced Standing program
- In Fall '23, **119** freshmen 4+1 declared majors
- In Fall '24, **142** freshmen 4+1 declared majors
- **15%** increase year over year



GRADUATE COUNCIL MEMBERS

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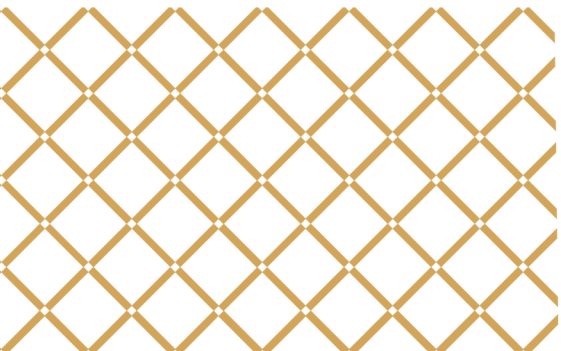
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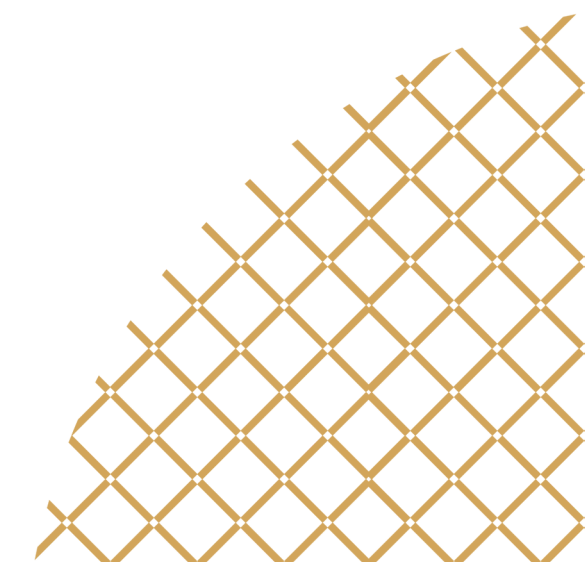
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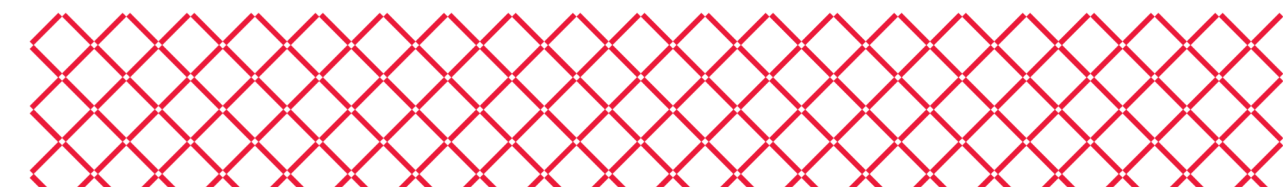
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MISSION STATEMENT



The Graduate Council is dedicated to enhancing the academic, social, and professional experiences of graduate students at Ramapo College. We are committed to formulating and upholding standards and policies that ensure the highest quality of graduate education. Our mission encompasses reviewing and recommending curricula, degree programs, and admissions criteria, as well as recommending and strategizing on financial support, grants, and resources for graduate students.

In our role as both an administrative and supportive body, we strive to foster a thriving graduate community by addressing evolving needs, promoting academic excellence, and facilitating meaningful engagement among faculty, students, and administration. By meeting regularly and collaborating with various stakeholders, we aim to continuously improve and adapt our strategies to support the growth and development of graduate programs and student success at Ramapo College.



CURRENT WORK OF THE GRAD COUNCIL

POLICY

OPERATIONS

New Mission
Refresh the By-laws

CULTURE



WHY FA? WHY NOW?

- Overview of the graduate programs
- Sharing the work of grad council
- Maintain an inclusive campus for all students
- “Facilitating meaningful engagement among faculty, students, and administration” - *mission statement*