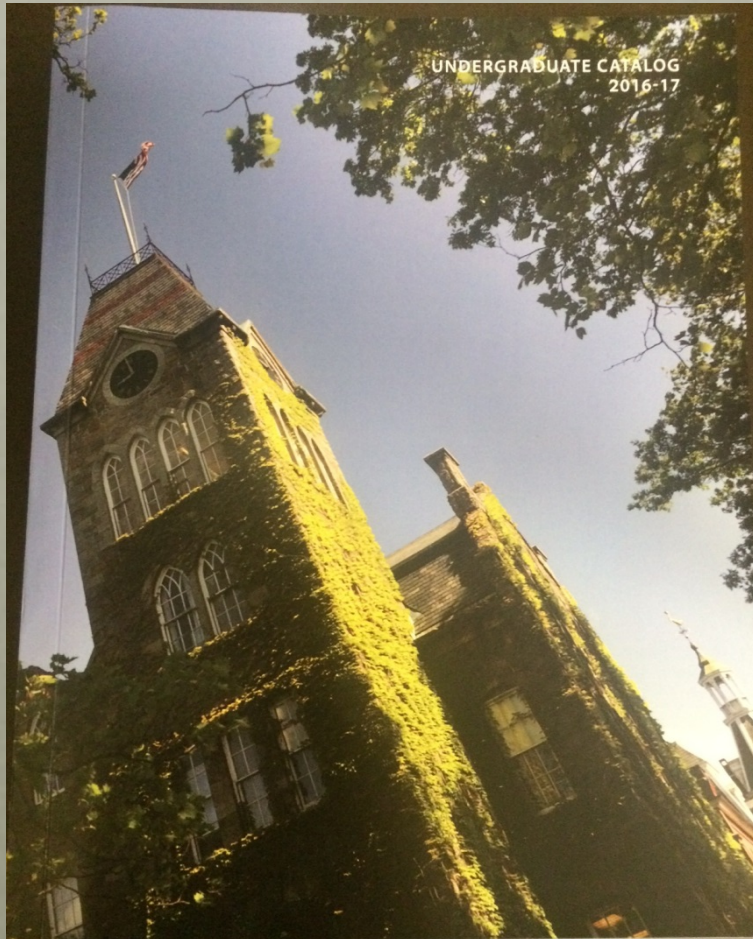


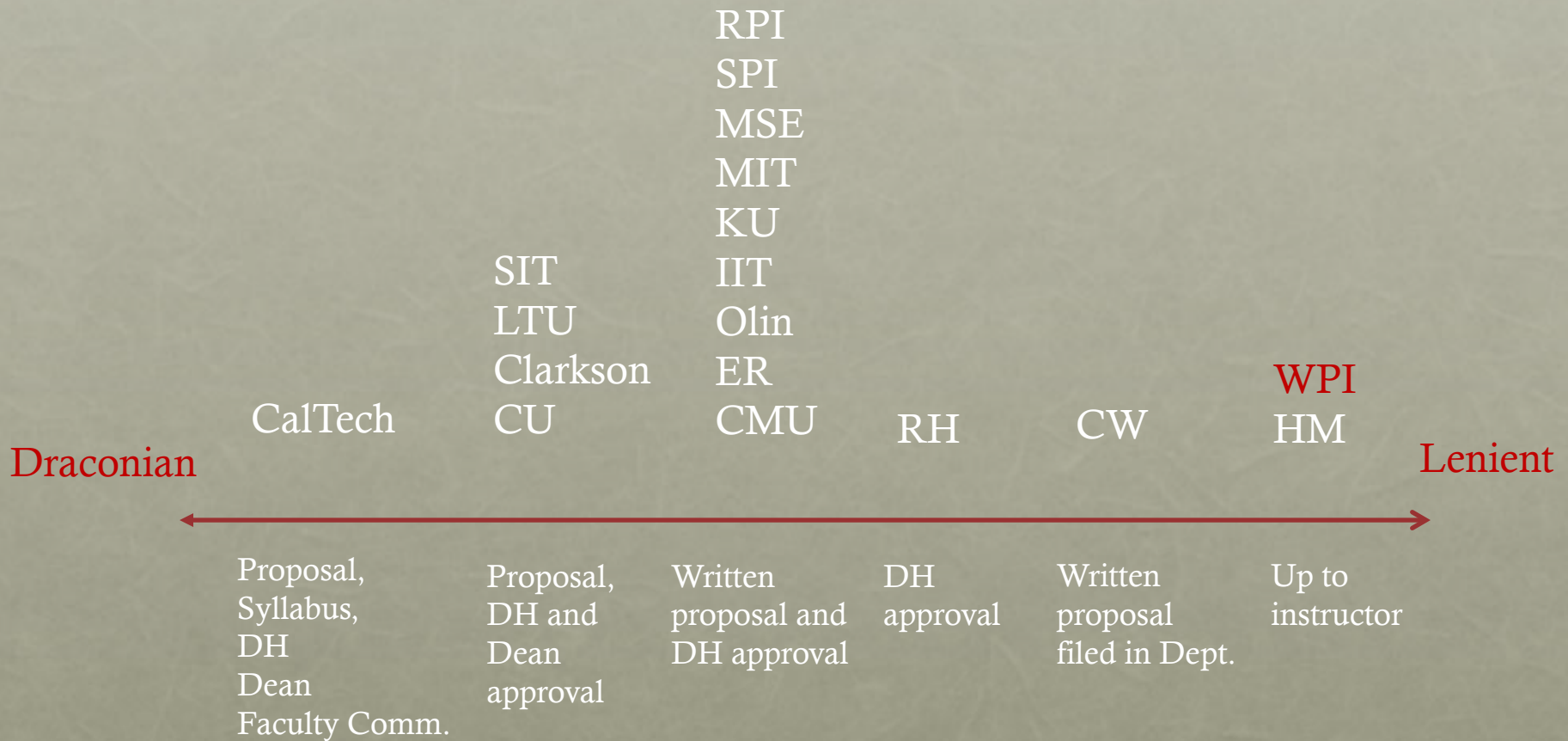
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- Who can advise what kind of independent study?
- What level of oversight is appropriate for independent studies taught repeatedly by the same instructor?

CURRENT IS/P POLICY



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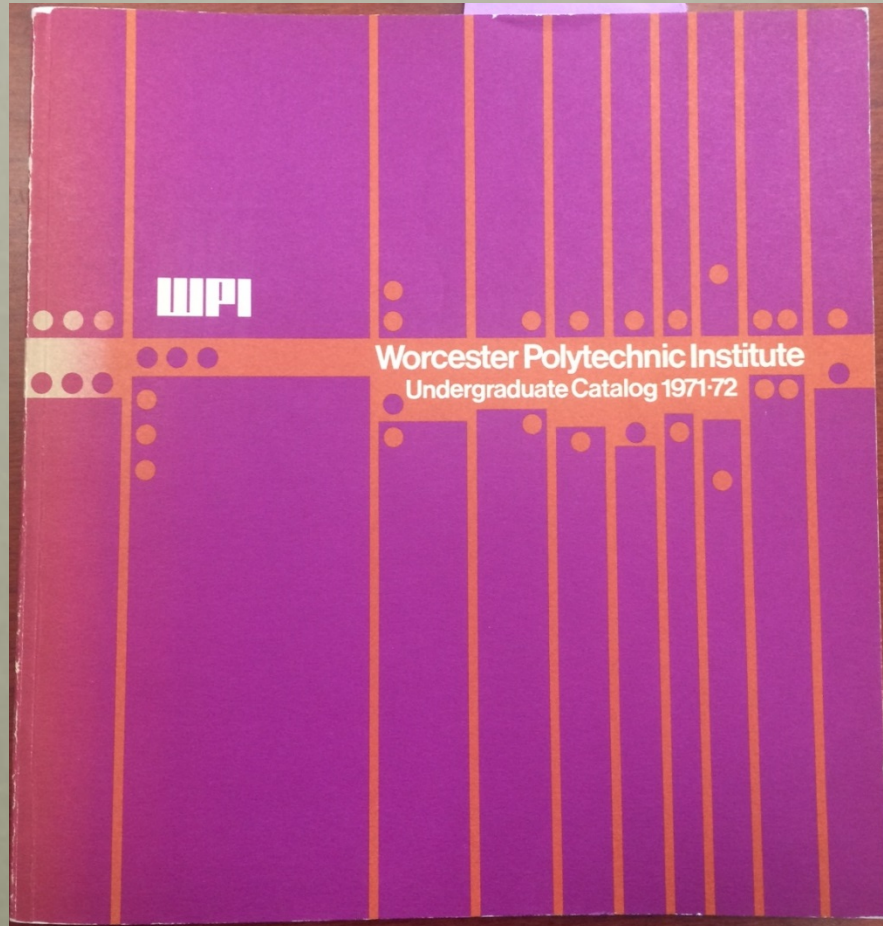


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1971 UG CATALOG



Projects and Independent Study

Under the WPI Plan, each student is required to complete two “independent studies” or tutorial projects, each equivalent to a full-time seven-week term.

1972 UG CATALOG



Independent Study and Projects (IS/P)

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1974 UG CATALOG



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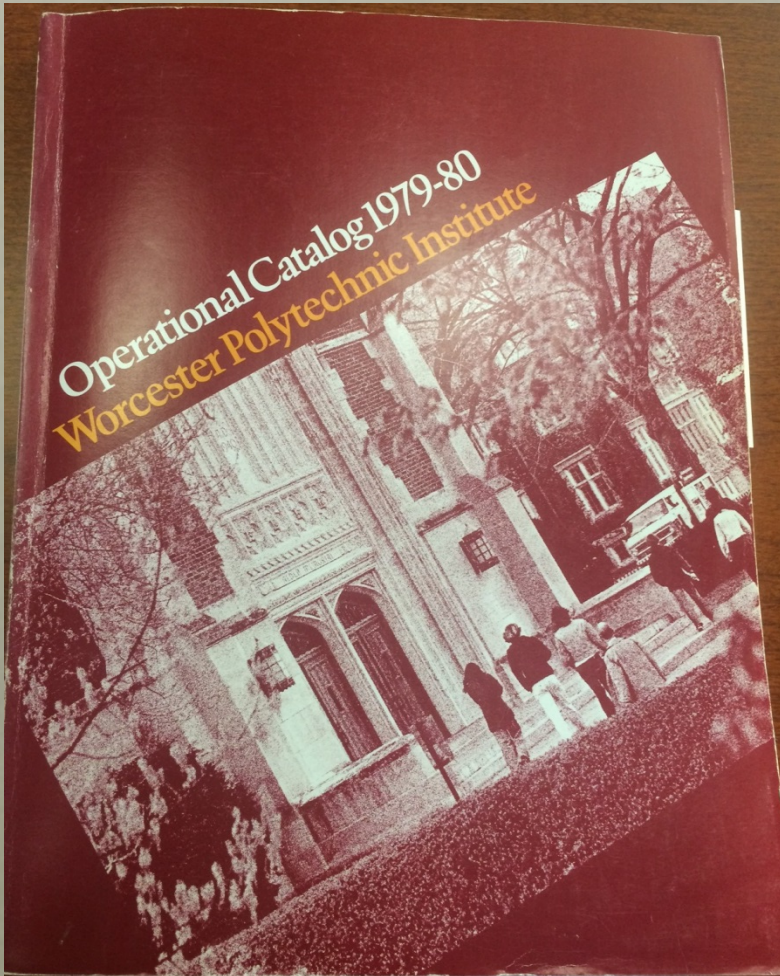
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Independent Study (Tutorial)

Independent study courses cover areas in which WPI has faculty expertise but where insufficient student demand for formal courses is anticipated. Students interested in these areas should consult the appropriate department for independent study assignments.

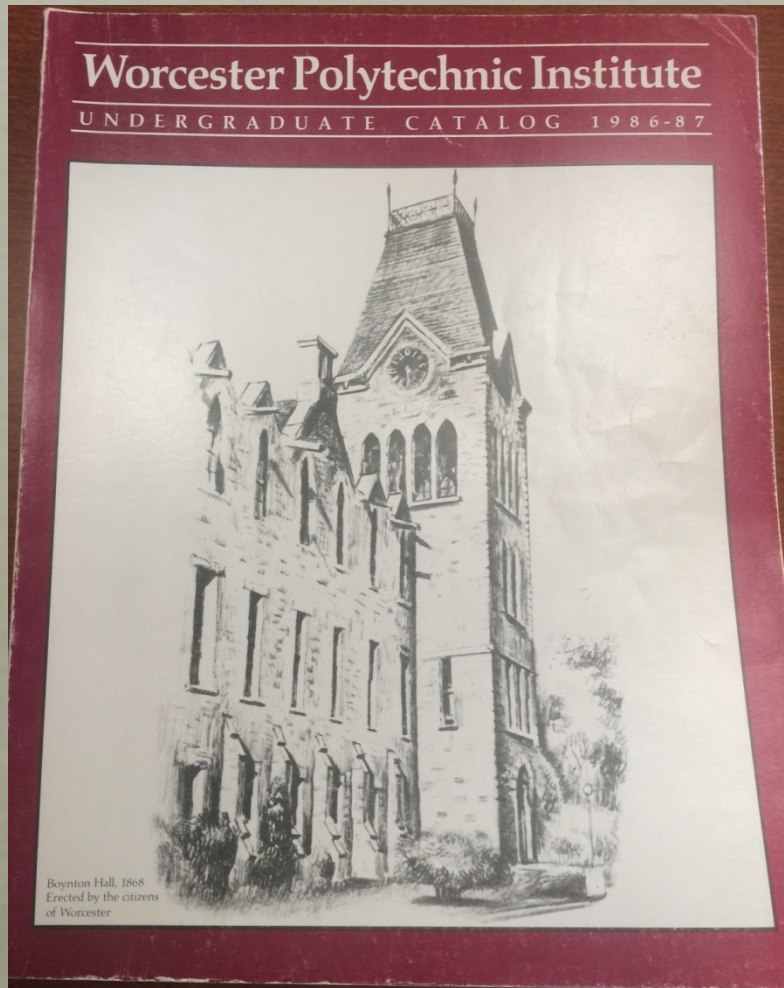
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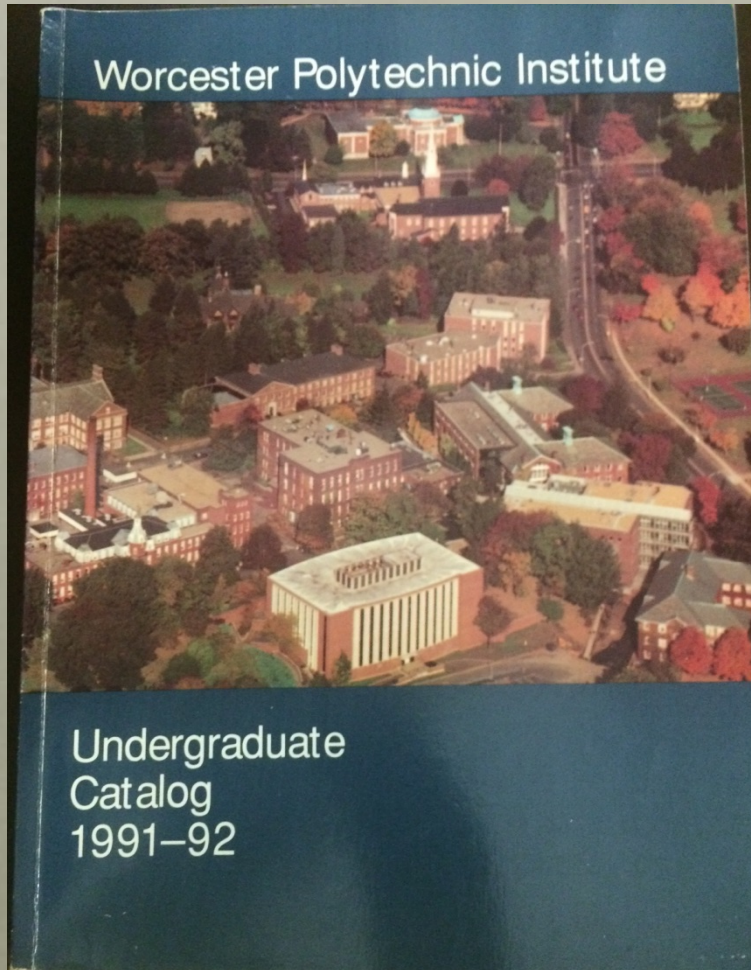
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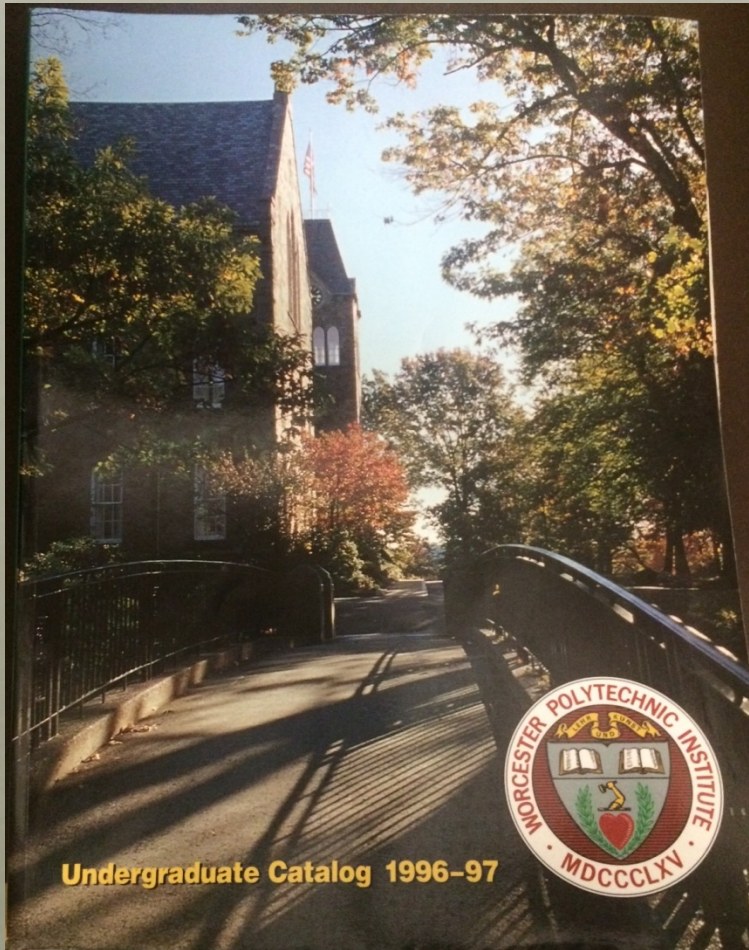
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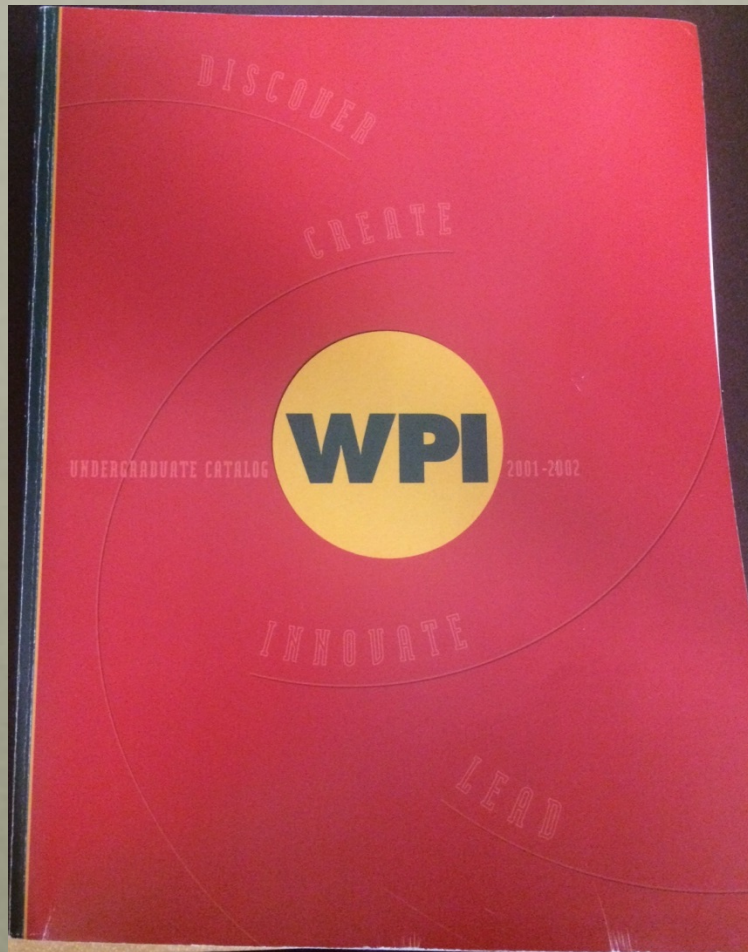
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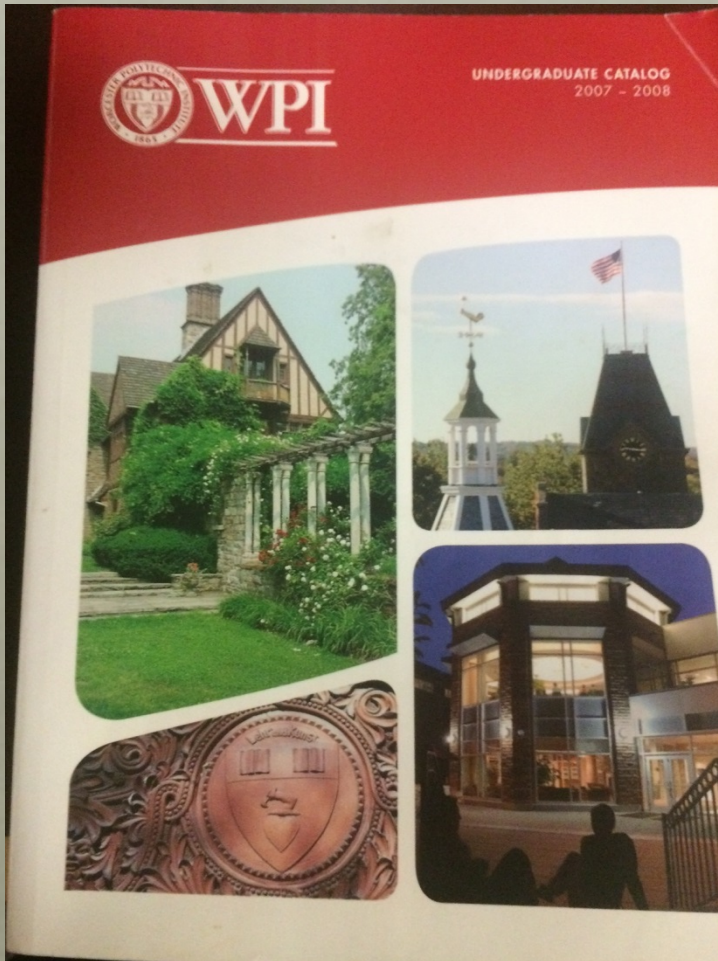
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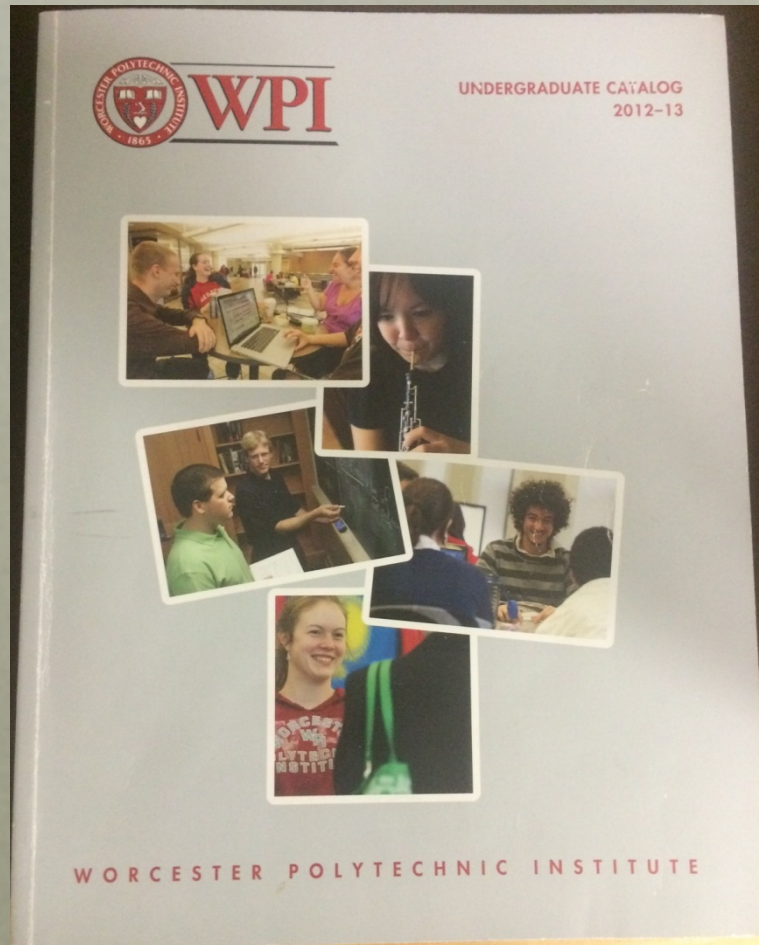
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2007 UG CATALOG



2012 UG CATALOG



2016 UG CATALOG



MOTION 1

- **Motion 1**: The Committee on Academic Policy recommends and I move that the following statement be added to the undergraduate catalog:
- ***UNDERGRADUATE INDEPENDENT STUDY (ISU)***
- *Independent Study normally provides the opportunity for an individual student, with the approval and under the direction of a faculty member, to study and to explore in greater depth an area of particular interest to the student and faculty member. An independent study may be used as a substitute for an existing WPI course, as an opportunity to study a topic not currently offered as a course at WPI, or to conduct directed undergraduate research.*

INDEPENDENT STUDY POLICY QUESTIONS

- Who can advise what kind of independent study?

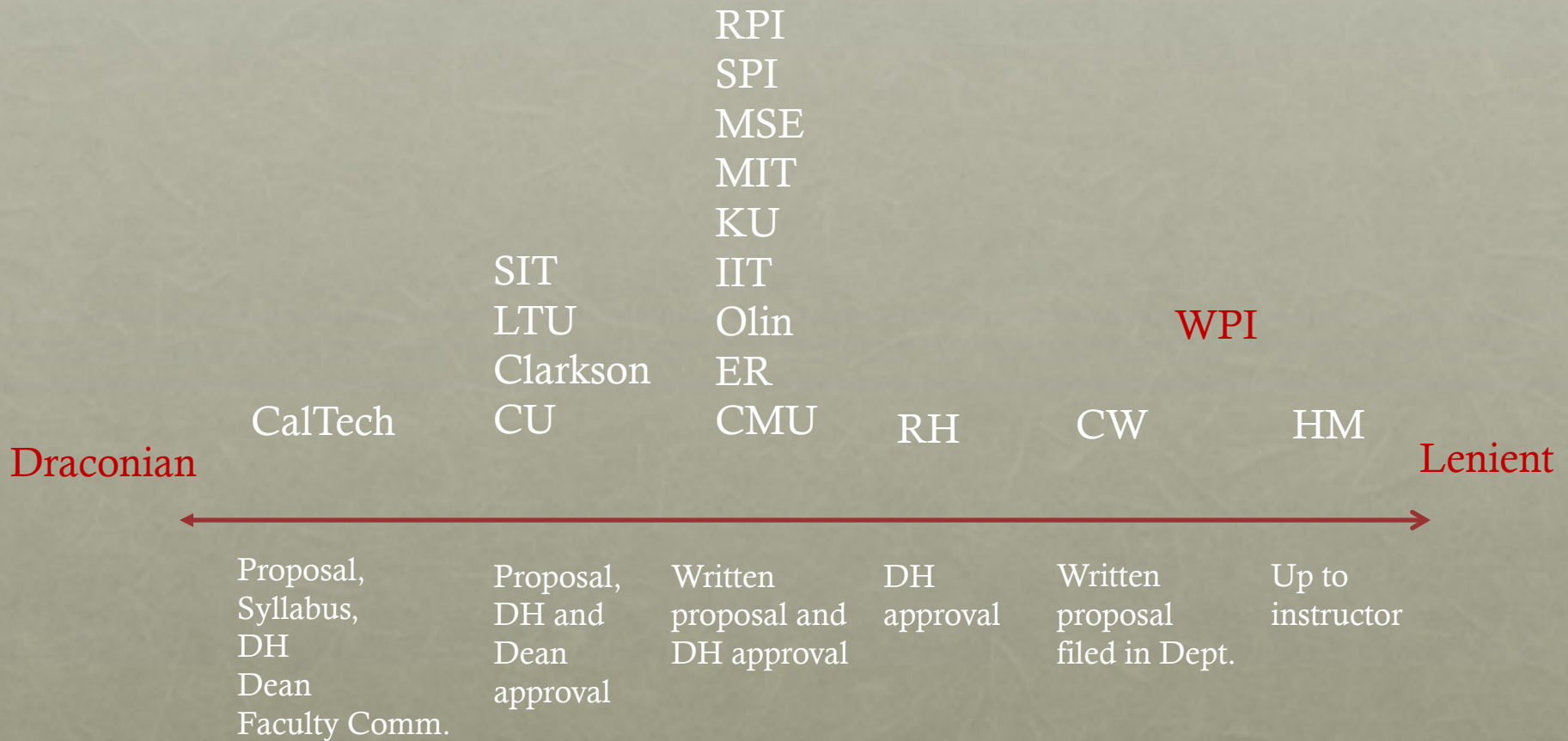
INSPIRATION FOR MOTION 2: NEASC STANDARD 6.3

- “The preparation and qualifications of all faculty and academic staff are appropriate to the nature of their assignments.”

INSPIRATION FOR MOTION 2: MQP POLICY

- *“For an MQP, the project advisor or an associate advisor must be a member of the faculty in the discipline which corresponds to the major area of study of the student.”*

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MOTION 2

- **Motion 2**: The Committee on Academic Policy recommends and I move that the following statement be added to the undergraduate catalog:
- *An independent study may be used to assign credit in a particular discipline when the faculty advisor has an appointment in the department or program associated with the discipline. If disciplinary credit is not assigned to the independent study, the academic credit will be identified as Interdisciplinary (ID) and the credit will be assigned as free elective on the student's transcript.*

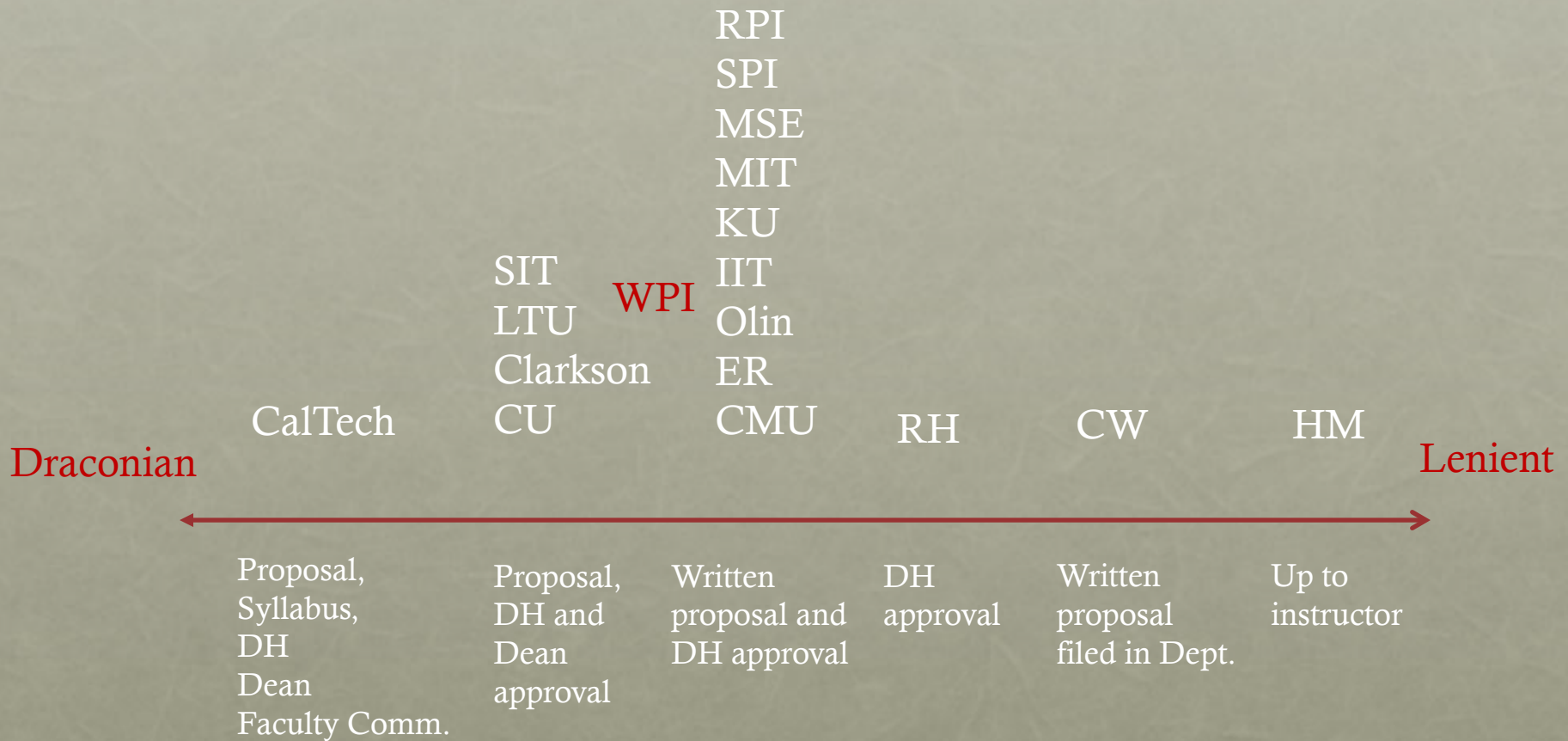
INDEPENDENT STUDY POLICY QUESTIONS

- What level of oversight is appropriate for independent studies taught repeatedly by the same instructor?

INSPIRATION FOR MOTION 3: CAO'S OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

- Experimental courses may only be offered twice.

INDEPENDENT STUDY POLICIES AT AITU SCHOOLS



MOTION 3

- **Motion 3**: The Committee on Academic Policy recommends and I move that the following statement be added to the undergraduate catalog:
- *Independent studies that are not substitutes for an existing WPI course and are offered more than twice by the same instructor require the approval of the Department Head or Program Director and associated Dean when disciplinary credit is granted and the Dean of Undergraduate Studies when interdisciplinary credit is granted*