OVERVIEW: The College has rules that govern the situation when students take courses taught by a close relative.

OFFICE/DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: The Office of the Provost

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Student Relatives of a Course Instructor Need Special Permission to Take the Course — Nepotism

Brockport students are not allowed to take courses taught by an instructor who is their close relative by blood or marriage without the permission of the College provost.

Examples of “relative” as used in this policy — the instructor’s spouse, siblings, parents, children, nieces/nephews, or grandchildren on either side, as well as children of instructors’ spouses. A student is also well advised to avoid registering for a course taught by an instructor with whom s/he has a close personal relationship.

The student may be granted the provost’s permission only if:

A. It is clearly demonstrable that there is no other course selection that will meet the student’s academic needs.

B. The department chair submits a plan for evaluating the student’s work, which is clearly and completely separated from any involvement of the related faculty member.

If the student’s academic needs require the course (see A, this section), the student and the instructor must consult with the department chairperson to prepare the plan (see B, this section). The department chair will submit this plan to the provost for consideration and approval.

If a situation involving nepotism is discovered and the provost’s approval has not been obtained in advance of the beginning of the course, the department chairperson can withdraw a student from the course with the provost’s approval.