**Senior in Absentia Privilege**

Students of outstanding ability who are accepted by an accredited professional school after the completion of three years of undergraduate work may qualify for the appropriate degree by transferring back to Houghton credit for the first two years of professional study, thus shortening by one year their professional training. Such students will be taking their senior year in absentia. In such instances the Houghton degree will be conferred at the end of the second year of professional studies. Senior-in-absentia privilege does not apply to AA or AAS students.

Senior in Absentia students must complete:

* At least half of their declared major
* All Integrative Studies requirements
* Approximately 90 hours at Houghton

The privilege described above may be available to students wishing to enter professional training for a career in medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, law, or engineering. Students entering nursing also may qualify for the senior-in­absentia privilege by transferring two years of nurse’s training for the Houghton degree.

Preliminary application for the senior-in-absentia privilege must be made to the Houghton associate dean for academic affairs in the spring of the sophomore year. All senior-in-absentia students are considered August graduates.

**Application for Senior in Absentia Status**

*Fill out this form electronically.*

***Then submit it to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs by March 15 of the sophomore year.***

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| Name | **Major:** |
| Home address | **Professional Goal:** |
| City, State | **Curriculum Advisor:** |
| Phone | **Probable Professional School(s):** |

**Describe plans for your program:**

Department Chair Date

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Date

I have read the eligibility requirements and the guidelines for the Senior in Absentia privilege and wish to make application for admission into the program.

Student Signature Date