Graduate Studies

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Graduate Policies and Procedures

Graduate Admission Offer Attendance Requirement

Acceptance of graduate admissions offers is valid only for the semester in the offer. Applicants who do not begin attendance during the semester in their admissions offers must reapply and pay the application fees before the applicable semester deadline. At the graduate program's discretion, graduate programs may defer enrollment if students apply for a deferment before the end of the semester for which they were admitted.

Continuous Registration Requirement

Once admitted and enrolled, graduate students shall maintain continuous registration during fall and spring semesters and during summer semester if required by the graduate program.

If graduate students cannot maintain continuous registration, they should file for a leave of absence through their graduate program.

Students who fail to maintain continuous registration and who have not been granted an official leave of absence shall be suspended from their graduate program. They shall be ineligible to register for future semesters unless they are readmitted through their graduate program's procedures.

Minimum GPA Requirement

Graduate students shall maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA to remain in their graduate programs.

Graduate students whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.0 shall be placed on academic probation for the following semester. Students whose GPAs remain below 3.0 after the probation semester shall be suspended from their graduate program and shall not be permitted to register or attend graduate courses.

Graduate students who are suspended from a graduate program for failing to maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA may appeal in writing to the director of the graduate program within 30 days of the suspension. Supporting materials and information justifying the request should be supplied.

The graduate program director shall present the written appeal to the program graduate faculty for consideration. The decision of the program graduate faculty shall be final.

Readmission of Suspended Students

Graduate students suspended from the University for violation of Policy 510 or Policy 541 Student Rights and Responsibilities Code who wish to complete their program of study must apply for readmission to the applicable graduate program. The graduate faculty may review the reason for suspension when considering suspended students for readmission.

Minimum Graduation and Individual Course GPA Requirements

A cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher shall be maintained in graduate program courses in order to graduate with a graduate degree or graduate certificate. Individual programs may establish higher grade-point-average requirements.

Credit for courses in which a student earns a grade of C- or lower shall not be applied toward any master's degree or graduate certificate program. Individual graduate programs may establish higher minimum grade requirements for individual courses.

Maximum Time Limit for Graduate Coursework

Graduate coursework shall be completed within a period of six years; individual programs may require graduate coursework be completed in fewer than six years. When extenuating circumstances warrant, a student may request an extension to coursework completion time limits.

The registrar shall assess the age of earned credits when students are accepted into a graduate program and when they apply for graduation. Graduate course credits older than university or program maximums shall not be applied toward a master's degree or graduate certificate.

To request an extension to coursework completion time limits, a student shall submit the request in writing to the program director (or his or her designee) of the applicable school or college. The program director's decision shall be final.

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