

Graduate Policy Committee

Annual Report, 2020-2021

By the end of the 2020-2021 regular academic year, the GPC will have met 19 times, plus two emergency sessions conducted asynchronously during Summer, 2020.

The GPC revised the following university-wide policies:

- Preliminary exam policy (changes made to who authorizes a second attempt, and timing of the second attempt)
- Manuscript clearance defense grade definitions (added one grade for a total of four; created/clarified written definitions)
- University-wide Graduate Teaching Assistant Standards (added category 5, major revisions to category 2, minor revisions throughout)
- Retention GPA for professional programs (clarified general policy, governing body, definition of professional programs, and exceptions)
- Minimum enrollment for students after 6 thesis or 24 dissertation hours (changed from 3 to 2)

Seven programs/units were reviewed as part of their QER:

- In fall, Geography, Interdisciplinary Program in Humanities, Urban & Regional Planning.
- In spring 2021, International Affairs, Anthropology, Motion Picture, and iSchool.

The GPC reviewed and approved the following GRE waiver requests:

- University-wide GRE waiver for master's and specialist applicants for calendar year 2021
- University-wide GRE waiver for master's and specialist applicants for calendar year 2022
- Permanent master's program GRE waivers:
 - I. MS/MA in English
 - II. MS in Geography
- Permanent doctoral program GRE waivers:
 - I. PhD in Psychology (Developmental Psychology Track only)
 - II. PhD programs in English
 - III. PhD in Educational Leadership and Policy
 - IV. PhD in Foundations of Education
 - V. PhD in Higher Education
 - VI. PhD in Geography
- Temporary doctoral program GRE waivers:
 - I. PhD in Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP)
 - II. PhD programs in Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences (EOAS)
 - III. PhD in Physics
 - IV. PhD in Chemistry and Biochemistry
 - V. PhD in Molecular Biophysics
 - VI. PhD in Mathematics

VII. PhD in Communication

The GPC reviewed and approved the following proposals:

- Online LLM in Business Law
- MS in Athletic Coaching
- combined pathway BS/MS in Civil Engineering
- MS in Interdisciplinary Data Science

The GPC amended internal policies on,

- How to review GRE waiver applications (2 different amendments)
- Requirements for GRE waiver application

Additional discussions on,

- Consent item inventory; proposed changes to academic policies; meeting times for fall semester