Under certain conditions, an academic program may recommend that a student be admitted to the University as a provisional graduate student. This requires that the program stipulate conditions that the student must meet during the initial semester/term of enrollment. The student will remain in this provisional category for only one semester/term, and must meet all of the stipulated conditions during the initial semester/term stipulated by the academic program to be formally admitted the following term to continue in the program. Students entering the University under this category will register in the same manner as regular degree-seeking students. International students cannot be admitted into the provisional category.

A provisional graduate student who meets minimum University admission requirements (see ‘Graduate Student Admission Policies’ in this chapter) will be reviewed by the academic program and the University at the end of the initial semester/term for to determine whether the stipulated conditions were met. If the conditions were not met, the student will not be able to continue in the program for formal admission for the semester following the provisional term. A graduate student who does not meet minimum University admission requirements must register for graded graduate-level coursework (5000-level or above; excludes S/U courses) commensurate with the load requirements of the program. While in provisional status, a graduate student must register for graduated graduate-level coursework (5000-level or above; excludes S/U courses) while in provisional status, and must earn at least an average of 3.0 on all graduate-level coursework taken, in order to be admitted to regular graduate status. A provisional student not meeting minimum University admission requirements must be counted as an exception when admitted to regular graduate status.

A hold blocking future enrollment will be placed on the record of a student who fails to meet the stipulated conditions during the initial provisional semester/term; such students will be ineligible to continue in the academic program. Students who met the minimum requirements for admission to the University either initially or during the provisional semester, but failed to meet the program-specific conditions may subsequently seek admission to a different academic program as a degree or non-degree seeking student.

A provisional student who does not earn at least a 3.0 average during the initial provisional term is not eligible for probationary status in the subsequent semester. Otherwise, a provisional graduate student is subject to the retention and dismissal regulations appropriate to a regular graduate student. A provisional graduate student will be changed to non-degree after incurring probationary status, and the permanent record will retain the probationary statement but the student will not be subject to further retention review as a provisional student. A provisional graduate student who is changed to non-degree status who subsequently seeks admission to regular graduate status must comply with the policies established for non-degree students who change to regular graduate student status. For information on non-degree classification, see the subsection on ‘Non-Degree Students’ in this chapter.

Graduate work taken while in provisional status will automatically apply toward the student’s graduate program if the student changes directly from provisional to regular student classification, unless the academic dean directs to the contrary. Graduate work taken by a

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provisional graduate student who changes to non-degree shall be considered as acquired while in non-degree status. The subsequent transfer of such credit to a graduate program shall be subject to the policies of reclassification from non-degree to regular student status.