

Graduate Policy Committee  
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Item # 7: Report from the Master's program in German

The master's program in German had been approved contingent upon the Department of Modern Languages' identification of two F.T.E. (full-time-equivalent) positions for the master's level in German by the first fall 1980 meeting of the Graduate Policy Committee. Upon a motion by Dr. Swain, and a second, the Graduate Policy Committee voted unanimously to accept Dr. Wyatt's response stated in his memorandum of October 9, 1980. Copies of Dr. Wyatt's memorandum and an accompanying pertinent memorandum from Dr. Werner A. Baum, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, are attached.

Item # 129: Changes in the 1981-82 Bulletin to effect the conversion to the semester system

Upon a motion by Dr. Sumner, a second by Dr. Baker, and an affirmative vote of 14, a negative vote of 2, and 1 abstention the Graduate Policy Committee accepted the following:

Bulletin Changes  
for  
1981-1982

The Graduate Policy Committee recommends that the following statements be changed to conform to the semester system. All references are to the 1980-81 Bulletin. Changes are underscored; deletions are crossed out. Reasons for changes or deletions are given in parentheses; if no reason is given you can assume that the change was made to conform to the prescribed 3:2 reduction in courses and hours.

Provisional Graduate Students

1. p.55      3. Under no conditions may a student remain in the "8" classification more than ~~two-quarters~~ one semester.

(Allowing a student to stay in this classification for two semesters would give him the chance to earn, or come close to earning, a master's degree, which is what many programs (e.g., Public Administration) do not want. Preventing such a thing is one reason why special students can transfer no more than twelve hours of work toward a degree program.)

2. p. 55      7. . . . . A provisional graduate student who does not meet the Board of Regents admission requirements must have ~~an overall grade point average of 3.0 on at least twelve hours of graduate work and be counted in the exception quota~~ taken at least nine hours of graduate level work and must have at least a 3.0 average on all graduate level work and upon regular admission must be counted as an exception.

(This is the old requirement, reduced on a 3.2 basis. We have made the wording more precise to avoid the possibility of a student's earning a 3.0 on nine hours of work but doing poorly on other work.)

Special Students

3. p. 56      ~~If a student does not meet regular admission requirements, reclassification as a regular graduate student requires an overall grade point average of 3.0 on at least twelve hours of graduate level courses taken as a Special Student and the student is counted in the exception quota.~~ A special student who does not meet regular admission requirements must have taken at least nine hours of graduate level work and have at least a 3.0 average on all graduate level work and upon regular admission must be counted as an exception.

(This replaces the awkward imprecise wording.)

Special Students continued

4. p. 56 Work taken as a Special Student does not carry graduate degree credit, but credits up to twelve hours of "B" or better graduate level work earned . . .

(This is the present requirement as passed recently by the Faculty Senate. There is no reason to change it.)

Full-Time Student Load

5. p. 57 ~~Twelve to fifteen hours per quarter~~ hours per semester constitutes a full-time load for graduate students. A student who wishes to register for less than twelve ~~quarter~~ semester hours must have written approval from the academic dean prior to registration.

(Twelve hours is now the accepted full-time load; it seems unnecessary to say "twelve to fifteen. . .")

6. p. 57 Recipients of stipends from the University, whether holders of fellowships or assistantships, must be full-time students, registering for at least twelve ~~quarter~~ semester hours. ~~except for these with assistantships entailing one-third time or greater loads.~~ Under exceptional circumstances, as defined by the department chairman, a student may register for a lighter load. Assistants who are granted such exceptions must still register for at least the following hours:--one-third time assistants,--ten hours; one-half time, eight; three quarter time, six; full time, three.--A graduate assistant may elect, but may not be required, to take more hours than the minimum stipulation.--

(In this country, for decades graduate fellows and assistants took full-time loads. The reduction in their required course load is a recent policy, which was introduced for largely non-educational reasons: students did not wish to pay for 12 hours, students felt they were overworked as assistants. If a student takes less than twelve hours, he may neglect to take a course that would be important or useful for him, and it may take him longer to earn a degree. If some assistants are overworked they can be given an exception; but we do not want the reduction in an assistant's course load to be a matter of routine. The answer to complaints from overworked assistants is not to continue to overwork them and dilute their graduate education, but to reduce their work load and hire more assistants. The charge of the Faculty Senate is to support high quality graduate work, not to make things easier for students because other people won't fulfill their responsibilities to provide adequate funding for instruction.)

Full-Time Student Load continued

7. p. 57 To satisfy the residence requirement, however, a doctoral student must be enrolled for ~~thirty-six-quarter~~ twenty-four semester hours during one academic year, i.e., any ~~three--of four-succcessive-quarters~~ two consecutive semesters (Fall-Spring or Spring-Fall).

(See below:Residence Requirement.)

Supervised Research and Teaching

8. p. 57 No more than ~~five-quarter~~ three semester hours of supervised research credit and ~~five-quarter~~ three semester hours of supervised teaching credit may be counted toward the master's degree.

Satisfactory- Unsatisfactory Course Option

9. p. 57 6 hours limit on master's degree
10. p. 57 9 hours limit on doctoral degree
11. p. 58 A student may change to a regular grade (A, B, C, ...) basis during the first four weeks of the ~~quarter~~ semester but may not change to an "S-U" basis after the end of the drop/add period.

Computation of Grade Averages

12. p. 58 Computation based on semester ~~quarter~~ hours.

Suspension and Dismissal

13. p. 58 If a 3.0 cumulative grade point average is not attained by the ~~end-of-the-next-two-quarters~~ next semester of enrollment the student will not be permitted to reregister for graduate enrollment.

Assistantships

14. p. 59 To remain eligible for an assistantship, a student must discharge the assigned duties satisfactorily and ~~achieve-a-grade of-"B"-in-at-least-one-half-of-the-course-work-carried-each-quarter-~~ No graduate student with less than a 3.0 cumulative average is to be continued more than one semester ~~quarter~~ as an assistant.



Tuition Waivers

15. p. 59 . . . out-of-state tuition waivers are reserved for eligible full-time graduate students enrolled for twelve quarter semester hours or those assistants ~~carrying the minimal loads for their classifications~~ who have been given permission to take a lighter load.

Specific Requirements for Thesis-Type Master's Programs

16. p. 60 Minimum of 30 semester hours ~~forty-five-quarter-hours~~.  
17. p. 60 Minimum of 18 ~~24~~ of the 30 ~~45~~ must be letter grade.  
18. p. 60 3-6 hours ~~5---9-hours~~ thesis credit.

Specific Requirements for Course-Type Master's Programs

19. p. 60 Minimum of 32 semester hours ~~forty-eight-quarter-hours~~.  
20. p. 60 Minimum of 21 ~~30~~ of the 32 ~~48~~ must be letter grade.

Types of Degrees (Specifically related to requirements for the M.A.)

21. p. 60 ". . . or completion of twelve semester quarter hours or whatever number of hours constitutes the minimum for a B.A. at Florida State University in a foreign language with an average grade of at least "B" . . . .  
22. p. 60 ". . . six ~~nine~~ or more quarter semester hours of graduate credit in one or more of the following fields . . . ."

Transfer Credit

23. p.60 Limited to six semester hours (~~nine-quarter-hours~~)

Major Professor and Minor Professor

24. p. 61 9 or more semester hours considered a minor. (~~twelve-or-more quarter--hours~~)

Residence

25. p. 62 After having finished 45 quarter- thirty semester hours of graduate work or being awarded the master's degree, the student must be continuously enrolled on the Florida State University campus or in one of its teaching centers for a minimum of 36-quarter twenty-four semester hours credit during one academic year. For the purpose of this regulation, continuous enrollment during one academic year shall mean enrollment for any ~~three-of-four-succcessive-quarters~~ two successive semesters (Fall-Spring or Spring-Fall).

(A 3:2 reduction. We are not allowing enrollment in the summer session to count since the new system is a semester system, not a trimester system.)

Dissertation

26. p. 63

A doctoral degree will be granted only after registration for a minimum of ~~eighteen-quarter~~ twelve semester hours of dissertation credit, whether or not the student is actually in residence. ~~Eighteen~~ Twelve hours constitute a minimum requirement only; student should . . . .