

GPC: Graduate Bulletin Changes

Summary of Changes

Structural Changes:

- Moved enrollment-related language from thesis and dissertation sections into Course Load section
- Now has a clearly labeled full-time and underload definition
- Reorganized that section as follows:
 - General language
 - applies to all students
 - specifies various enrollment requirements under various scenarios (e.g. for TAs, financial aid, etc.)
 - Official definition of Full time and Underload
 - (later on, F1/J1 students will be exempt from this)
 - Section for F-1 and J-1 students,
 - clearly EXEMPTS them from the Full-time and Doctoral Students sections
 - includes language written by Kristen Hagen from CGE
 - specifies enrollment minimum requirements before and after completing 24 dissertation or 6 thesis/project hours
 - explains process to follow for requesting minimum enrollment
 - Language on Master's Students
 - applies to all students, incl. coursework only students
 - Language on Doctoral Students
 - (earlier, F1/J1 students were exempt from this)
 - Specifies circumstances under which students may be able to drop down to 2+ hours
 - Explains process to follow for requesting minimum or underload enrollment

Content Changes:

- Created separate policy for F1/J1 students → different paths (2 policies) lead to same end result (being able to drop to minimum enrollment)

- The “green” language, written by Kristen Hagen from CGE, complies with federal regulations
- Changed requirement to get written approval from faculty member to “approved by”
- Changed requirement to get written deans/designee’s approval to “may require” and “guidelines ... vary by college ... available at respective Dean’s Offices”
- Clarified that minimum enrollment decision must be initiated by the student

More minor changes:

- Added “project” (to thesis and dissertation options)
- Added a reference to the Office for Graduate Fellowships and Awards regarding externally-funded fellowships
- Added language for master’s students on coursework-only track
- All other changes were just copy/paste or small edits for grammar or to make language parallel, or to clean up after paragraphs were moved, etc.
- CGE updated the paragraph describing its center. *[This may not even require Senate approval.]*