

## Graduate Degree Requirements Policy

## **Graduation Requirements**

Graduate degrees may be conferred upon a student who has successfully completed the plan of study. Persons who wish to graduate must: (1) apply for graduation and (2) complete all graduation requirements by the specified dates for graduation. A graduate student's grade point average cannot be lower than 3.00. No graduate course with a grade lower than "C" will be credited toward a graduate degree. All grades of "F" and "I", which are in the approved graduate plan of study, must be removed before completing an application for graduation. For more information on grades refer to the Grading policy.

The suggested changes generalize the policy to allow for Master's and Doctoral Degrees. It also removes language that is grounded in administrative as opposed to academic concerns (the question of terms). Those issues are better handled at the program departmental level. The decision of the registrar to change when they wish to have an application complete should not require us to revisit this policy.

Approved by the Faculty Graduate Council March 3, 2011.

Effective Date: This policy becomes effective upon adoption by the Board of Trustees.

Adopted: This the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.

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