

Subject: new policies effective Fall 2005
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The Graduate Council approved the following amendments to current policies effective for Fall 2005 semester. These have been up-dated in the on-line Graduate Bulletin.

1. Use of courses taken during nondegree status: This is an addition to the statement about nondegree status under "Classification of Graduate Students" in the Graduate Bulletin and is effective for students admitted Fall 2005 or later:

"Nondegree students who are later admitted as prospective degree candidates may apply up to 9 hours of course work taken in nondegree status toward a graduate degree program, subject to the approval of the major professor, the departmental graduate coordinator, and the dean of the Graduate School."

2. Change in master's advisory committee structure (Applies only to Master of Arts and Master of Science degrees): This allows for one non-UGA member.

The master's advisory committee must consist of a minimum of three members. The chair and at least one other member must be members of the graduate faculty of the University of Georgia. The third member may be a member of the graduate faculty or a person with a terminal degree holding one of the following ranks at the University of Georgia: professor, associate professor, assistant professor, public service assistant, public service associate, senior public service associate, assistant research scientist, associate research scientist, or senior research scientist. A UGA employee who holds one of these ranks or who holds a terminal degree in his/her field may be appointed as a third member upon approval by the departmental graduate faculty and the dean of the Graduate School. The third member can also be a non-UGA faculty member with a terminal degree in his/her field of study. No more than one non-UGA committee member may be appointed as a voting member. If there are more than three members on the committee, a majority of graduate faculty members must be maintained. Co-major professors count as one graduate faculty member. The committee will be recommended to the dean of the Graduate School by the graduate coordinator after consultation with the student and faculty members involved.

When nominating a non-UGA committee member, the graduate coordinator must submit the nominee's current resume with the appropriate forms and a letter addressed to the dean of the Graduate School explaining why the services of the non-UGA person are requested. The non-affiliated member must attend meetings associated with the appointment.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

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