To receive a graduate degree from the University, students must meet the minimum requirements set forth by the Board of Governors and the University and the specific requirements established by the degree program as published in the University Graduate Catalog. Additional requirements may be set and must be specified in policies and procedures manuals of each individual degree granting program. It is the student’s responsibility to make sure that all degree requirements have been met.

The University faculty recommends the granting of degrees. The program director, the chairman of the department and the dean of the appropriate School or College must certify that the student has satisfied the minimum conditions required to receive the graduate degree. The University Graduate School will certify that the student has completed the thesis or dissertation requirement, if one exists.

All work applied toward degree requirements must be completed within the time limit for degree completion.

Students must have a minimum cumulative graduate GPA of 3.0 or greater.

In order to graduate in a given term, a student must submit an application for graduation to the Office of the Registrar by the appointed deadline.

A graduate student must be enrolled the term in which he/she graduates. A doctoral student (excepting professional doctorates) must be enrolled for dissertation credits during the term in which the doctoral degree is awarded. If a thesis is required, the candidate must be enrolled for thesis credit during the term in which the degree is awarded.

A student denied graduation must complete the requirements for graduation and reapply for graduation.
SCOPE
Faculty, graduate students and University Graduate School administration.

REASON FOR POLICY
This policy sets forth the requirements for students to apply for and receive a graduate degree from the University.

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ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
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RELATED RESOURCES
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