

**Graduate Council Report**  
**Academic Year 2018-19**  
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The Graduate Council met monthly for 8 months, September-November and January-May, during Academic Year 2018-19 and also met in subcommittees to work on updating policies for the Graduate School and to determine the recipients of Graduate School fellowships and prizes. Meetings covered the routine business of evaluating proposed new and changing specializations, certificates, policies, and programs; suggesting changes to those proposals; and voting on whether to approve them.

In Academic Year 2018-19, the Graduate Council approved new certificates in Arts Management and in Graduate Performance in the School of Music and Dance. The Graduate Council also approved revisions to the Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies.

The Graduate Council approved three graduate specializations in Environmental Conflicts: Environmental Conflicts: Water; Environmental Conflicts: Climate Change; and Environmental Conflicts: Land Use.

The Graduate Council approved a new online MA in Sports Product Management, a new Master's Industrial Internship Program Track: Chemical Design of Materials for Sensing and Detecting; and approved changes to the MAs in Economics and Community and Regional Planning. The Graduate Council also approved new PhD programs in Ethnic Studies and in Planning and Public Affairs.

In relation to policy related to graduate study, the Graduate Council approved a trial program permitting a select group of Career NTTF in the College of Education to chair Doctor of Education dissertations (which differ from PhD dissertations); approved a transition to P/NP grades for dissertation credits rather than the former problematic grades of 'incomplete' for successful work. The Council also approved policies clarifying Repeatable and Nonrepeatable graduate-level coursework and how these courses would be treated in calculating student GPAs and the nature and annual documentation of Satisfactory Academic Progress for graduate students. Finally, the Council approved changes to add/drop deadlines for courses.