About Graduate Policy

Graduate Policy Mission and Scope

The policy development mission of the Office of Graduate Studies (OGS) is to provide an authoritative, accessible and current repository for University and campus policies that impact the members of the University community across all graduate schools and programs. University policies have broad application throughout the University to help ensure coordinated compliance with applicable laws and regulations, promote operational efficiency, or reduce institutional risk. Individual schools and departments reserve the right to maintain policies particular to their units. However, unit-specific policies do not override university-wide policies. Policies duplicated on other websites or in print may not be the most current version. OGS recommends that graduate programs share content from the Graduate Policy Manual rather than creating their own pages with University policies. This will help ensure that everyone is referencing the most current versions of University policies.

Student Responsibility for Bulletin Information

Applicants to the University of Denver as well as admitted and enrolled students are held to the standards and procedures set forth in the University bulletin. Students are responsible for staying informed of the University’s policies and procedures.

Modifications to the Policy in the Bulletin

The University of Denver reserves the right to make changes in the regulations, rules, fees or other aspects of this University bulletin without advance notice.

Changes within academic units, the University, or applicable law (or other factors) may require modifications to this Graduate Policy Manual. Additionally, any unit or member of the Graduate Council may propose a change in policy by submitting a petition to the Associate Provost for Graduate Studies.

Graduate Academic Unit-Level Adherence to and Implementation of University Policy

Each graduate unit must examine the Graduate Policy Manual and identify unit-specific policies or practices that conflict with the manual. Units shall adjust their practices to conform to University policy. If a unit believes it is necessary to maintain policies or practices that diverge from University policy, it shall petition the Associate Provost for Graduate Studies for an exception to policy.

Note: Student Services Offices

In the Graduate Policy and Procedures, the student services offices for each college, school and division are referenced the following:

- Office of Graduate Studies for Arts and Humanities & Social Sciences (AHSS), Morgridge College of Education (MCE), Graduate School of Professional Psychology (GSPP), Josef Korbel School of International Studies (JKSIS), Natural Sciences and Mathematics (NSM), Daniel Felix Ritchie School of Engineering and Computer Science (SECS), DU-Illiff Joint PhD Program (DU-Illiff)
- Student Affairs, Sturm College of Law for Sturm College of Law
- Office of Graduate Programs, Daniels College of Business for Daniels College of Business (DCB)
- Admission and Financial Aid Office and Registrar, Graduate School of Social Work for Graduate School of Social Work (GSSW)
- Student Affairs, Sturm College of Law for Graduate Tax Program
- Student Services Office, University College for University College (UColl)