



GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Report to Academic Council
at its meeting of April 17, 2012

FOR ACTION

1. Graduate Studies Academic Regulations – Amendments

The Graduate Studies Committee recommends:

That the following graduate academic regulations be amended as follows:

a) 4.4.10 Readmission of former UOIT graduate students

Students previously admitted to UOIT who ~~have not been continuously enrolled and have not received a deferral or a leave of absence~~ have withdrawn from their program are required to apply for readmission to the university.

Graduate students who have been dismissed from UOIT are not eligible to ~~reapply~~ for readmission.

b) 4.5.6 Registration

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4.5.6.1 Inactivity and reinstatement

If a student fails to maintain continuous registration in a program or to register after the expiry of an approved leave of absence, the student's status is changed to inactive for up to one year. Students who wish to reregister within the one year period may apply for reinstatement. If reinstatement is approved, students are required to pay all fees owing as well as any reinstatement fees that are in effect at the time of reinstatement.

4.5.6.2 Inactivity and withdrawal

If the student fails to register for three consecutive terms, his/her file is closed and the student is withdrawn from the program. Should a student who has been withdrawn wish to continue their graduate studies, the student must apply for readmission. Readmission to the university and/or the student's original program is not guaranteed.

c) 4.5.15.4 Academic standing

Academic standing is determined by the semester. The minimum cumulative grade point average required for graduation is 2.7 and satisfactory completion of thesis, project or major paper, where applicable.

Clear Standing Students are required to maintain a minimum grade of B-minus (2.7) in all graded components of the program as well as satisfactory research progress in programs with a thesis, project or major paper.

Probation Students are placed on probation if they receive a failing grade in a course or if they receive an evaluation of unsatisfactory on a research progress report.

Students placed on probation for failing a course will remove this reason for probation when they have successfully completed the failed course or an approved alternative course and their cumulative grade point average is 2.7 or higher.

Students on probation for unsatisfactory research progress remove this reason for probation when they receive a satisfactory evaluation on a research progress report.

Dismissal Students will be dismissed for lack of academic progress. Lack of academic progress includes, but is not limited to: an evaluation of Not Acceptable in a thesis, project, major paper, or a second unsatisfactory evaluation in a PhD candidacy examination for students in a doctoral degree program; or any combination of two of the following: failed courses or unsatisfactory research progress reports.

Graduate students who have been dismissed from UOIT are not eligible to apply for readmission.

Rationale

The above changes are being put forward to clarify the status and procedures for students who do not maintain continuous enrolment in their courses.

2. Master of Science and PhD in Materials Science – Change in Admission Requirements

The Graduate Studies Committee recommends:

That the admissions requirements for the Master of Science and PhD in Materials Science be amended as follows:

13.4.3 Admission Requirements

In addition to the general admission requirements for graduate studies at UOIT described in section 4.4.2, Materials Science applicants must meet the following program-specific requirements.

Master of Science (MSc) in Materials Science

Hold an honours BSc degree in chemistry, physics or engineering, or hold equivalent qualifications as judged by the admissions committee. This committee is made up of the graduate program directors and one faculty member from each of the two universities. Prospective applicants must be well recommended and be accepted by a prospective supervisor who guarantees RA support for the duration of the student's program.

If applicable, a minimum score of 580 (paper-based) or 92-93 (Internet-based) on the TOEFL test for English language proficiency. Note that these are slightly higher scores than those required for some other graduate programs at UOIT. Language requirements are specified in section 4.4.4.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Materials Science

The minimum admission requirement for the PhD program is completion of a MSc-level degree in Materials Science or related area at a Canadian university or its equivalent.

If applicable, a minimum score of 580 (paper-based) or 92-93 (Internet-based) on the TOEFL test for English language proficiency. Note that these are slightly higher scores than those required for some other graduate programs at UOIT. Language requirements are specified in section 4.4.4.

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Rationale

The above change is intended to align the language requirements for the MSc in Materials Science with the general university regulations. This change will only affect new applicants to the UOIT Materials Science program and will not have an impact on students in the Trent program.

FOR INFORMATION

2. Changes to courses and program requirements

The Committee notes for information the following changes that have been made to graduate courses and program requirements:

- a) Master of Engineering in Engineering Management: Substituting ENGR 5006 in the place of ENGR 5002
- b) Master of Information Technology Security: Minor program adjustments
- c) MBA-MITS: Minor program adjustments