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Graduate Council Resolution:

Resolution to Recommend Unified Admissions GPA Requirement

WHEREAS, historically, master's-level graduate student admission criteria were based on approximately the last 60 credit hours pursued during the previous degree.

WHEREAS, previous policy changes allowed for specific on-line academic programs to make admission recommendations based on self-reported total credit hour GPA.

WHEREAS, the policy was not changed for other academic programs thus creating two different admissions standards.

WHEREAS, two standards are not justifiable.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following language change in the Graduate catalog should be made to unify graduate student GPA admission standards:

Current Language:
Master's Degree Program
Admission
In order to be admitted to a degree program, an applicant must be approved by the department or degree program concerned and meet Graduate School admission requirements:
1. The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution or have completed all undergraduate degree requirements prior to the beginning of classes for the term for which admission is sought.
2. The applicant must have earned a grade point average (GPA) of 2.70 or better (A = 4.00) on approximately the last 60 credit hours of undergraduate coursework. For Fastrack students the entire undergraduate GPA is used. An applicant who is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and whose GPA is below 2.70 may be admitted as a nondeclared student and may later apply to a degree program when 9 or more graduate semester hours are completed with a "B" average or above. Any applicant who has completed 9 or more semester hours of graded graduate work at an accredited U.S. educational institution, and who has a GPA of 3.00 or better on all graduate work, will be exempted from the 2.7 undergraduate grade point average requirement. Any student with fewer than 9 hours of graduate work may be admitted to the Graduate School on the basis of undergraduate GPA only.

Proposed language:
Master's Degree Program
Admission
In order to be admitted to a degree program, an applicant must be approved by the department or degree program concerned and meet Graduate School admission requirements:
1. The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution or have completed all undergraduate degree requirements prior to the beginning of classes for the term for which admission is sought.

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