

REDUCED FEE LEVEL

This form is for the use of academic graduate students. Students in professional degree programs (M.D., D.V.M., J.D., M.B.A.), please contact your professional school dean's office.

Students shall be assessed the following fees while registered *in absentia*:

- 15 percent of the combined Education and Registration Fee.
- The full health insurance fee associated with the UC campus of origin.
- Campus-based fees.
- Nonresident tuition, if applicable.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE REDUCED IN ABSENTIA FEE

All students pursuing doctoral or master's degrees in academic disciplines are eligible for the fee reduction. Students in self-supporting graduate programs are not covered by this policy. The complete *in absentia* policy is at http://www.gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/forms/inabsentia_policy.pdf.

Students may apply for *in absentia* registration status under the following circumstances:

- Academic doctoral students must have advanced to candidacy by the time the *in absentia* status would begin.
- Master's students must have completed at least one year of coursework by the time the *in absentia* registration would begin.
- Special cases within the above two categories can be approved only by exception at the discretion of the Dean of Graduate Studies.
- Master's students in self-supporting programs are not eligible.
- Students who seek *in absentia* registration beyond the initial term of *in absentia* status must reapply for each subsequent year.

Students must be enrolled full-time in regular UC units (299 research or similar independent study units) to be eligible for the reduced *in absentia* fee. The research or course work:

- Must be directly related to the student's degree program as evidenced by UC faculty approval.
- Must be of a nature that makes it necessary to be completed outside of the State of California for at least one full academic term.
- Must involve no significant studying or in-person collaboration with UC faculty during the *in absentia* period.

Registration *in absentia* may be granted for:

- Up to two years for academic doctoral students.
- Up to one year for master's students.
- Extension to the above limits may be approved at the discretion of the appropriate graduate dean.

Students shall observe the following requirements while enrolled *in absentia*:

- Be enrolled full-time at their UC campus of origin for the duration of their *in absentia* registration.
- Be enrolled in a UC academic doctoral or master's program (except self-supporting programs) for the duration of their *in absentia* registration.

Students are eligible to apply for and receive University fellowships and research assistantships, but not teaching assistantships during the *in absentia* period.

Students paying the reduced *in absentia* fee who enroll and pay fees at non-UC institutions will not qualify for additional University of California need-based aid.

Periods of qualified *in absentia* registration shall fulfill academic residency requirements for degree programs.

