Grandfathering Policy for Degree Requirements

On occasion, the faculty makes changes in the curricular requirements that a student must satisfy to obtain a Master ' s or a Ph.D. degree. It is Graduate Council ' s policy that a student may choose to fulfill Graduate Council ' s approved program requirements that were in effect at the time he/she first enrolled in that program at UC Davis or may choose the new degree requirements. This will allow the student to benefit by changes that assist him/her in completing degree requirements and to allow long-term planning of a program of study. In addition, this will prevent the student from being penalized by changes that have been made after enrollment. In some cases, at the time the student is offered admission there may be changes in degree requirements that have been approved by the graduate program/group, but are awaiting final Graduate Council approval. Programs have the responsibility to inform prospective students of the current degree requirements and any pending changes that may be instituted by the time of initial registration. Once a curriculum has been agreed upon by the adviser, major professor, and the student, the student must complete all of the degree requirements within the chosen program of study. If a program makes a change in the curriculum prior to a student taking the qualifying examination, the student may elect to continue the current program or switch to the new curriculum for completion of his or her program.

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