

Introduction

These *Graduate Regulations* establish minimum requirements for admission and for the awarding of degrees. Schools, departments, and programs may set higher standards. Students are responsible for reading and understanding the relevant handbooks, rules, regulations, and procedures of their school or program, and the University-wide policies and procedures enumerated or linked to in this Bulletin. Recipients of merit-based financial aid must adhere to the terms established by their award letters. Ignorance of these rules does not serve as an excuse for infractions of them.

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