

Provost approved 2/25/2025
Effective Fall 2025 unless noted otherwise

Graduate Academic Policies and Procedures Meeting Agenda

November 18, 2024
3:00 - 5:00 PM
Meeting Location: 224 IG Greer

Voting Members Present: Gary Boye, Kristl Davison, Matt Estep, Darci Gardner, Tammy Haley, Jennifer Howard, Scot Justice, Quinn Morris, Alan Needle, Dan Poling, Melody Schwantes, Andrew Windham, Maddy Wilson, Jamie Yarbrough

Administrative Members Present: Jason Miller, Mark Bradbury, Ed Hassler, Gary McCullough, Wesley Kapp, Victoria Carlberg, Jason Xiong, Eric Berry, Ross Gosky, Ashley Colquitt

Voting and Administrative Members Absent: Maureen Cathey

1. Call to order – Chairperson Scot Justice called the meeting to order at 3pm.
2. Introduction of guests - none
3. Approval of the Minutes of the September 16, 2024 Graduate AP&P Meeting

Motion 1: motion to approve minutes.

Vote (1): Approved by majority vote, one abstention.

MOTION 1 PASSED.

4. New Business

- Curriculum Proposals

College of Arts and Sciences

Subcommittee Motion: Approve

GU_CAS_GES_2024_07: Add GES 2750 and GES 2751 or GES 2752 as a prerequisite for GES 4705.

GU_CAS_GES_2024_08: Add GES 2750 as a prerequisite for GES 4630 – Hydrogeology.

Vote (2) – Approved by majority vote, two abstentions.

MOTION 2 PASSED.

- Policy Proposals

G_GRAD_2024_01: Establish a policy by which programs can elect to offer students

credit for prior learning.

Vote (3) – Approved by majority vote, one abstention.

MOTION 3 PASSED.

- FIO – 2025 Application/Admission Information (Application Requirements Page) Document – Ashley Colquitt

5. Old Business: No items.

6. Discussion Items – Updates from the Graduate School. Ashley Colquitt and Ross Gosky

- Students requested a university statement about this unusual semester—a similar note was added to transcripts during COVID. Note will provide details that there were two weeks during the semester when classes were not in session; students, staff, and faculty continued to be impacted after those two weeks, and this may be reflected in grades. This note will be added for Fall 2024.
- The Doctor of Nursing Practice program was approved by the UNC System Board of Governors. Plans are for the program to begin in Fall 2026.
- A reminder of the upcoming Friendsgiving hosted by the Graduate Student Government Association (GSGA) and Graduate Student Life (GSL) in the Plemmons Student Solarium was given.
- Ashley Colquitt acknowledged Gary McCullough’s service as Associate Dean in the Beaver College of Health Sciences and his helpful involvement with Graduate AP&P during his tenure.
- Notification of GSGA research and travel funding awards for the fall semester have been sent out to students.
- The Graduate AP&P calendar has been extended to add a March 3rd meeting this academic year. The March 3rd meeting will be the final meeting for which proposals can be included in the 2025-26 bulletin.

7. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.

GU_CAS_GES_2024_07

Current Bulletin copy:

GES 4705 - Engineering Geology (3)

When Offered: Spring

Field and laboratory analysis of problems arising from interactions between humans and Earth and application of geologic knowledge to the mitigation of these problems. Lecture two hours, laboratory three hours.

Prerequisites: at least junior standing and a minimum of six semester hours of geology courses above the 1000 level, or permission of the instructor.

[Dual-listed with GES 5705.] Dual listed courses require senior standing; juniors may enroll with permission of the department.

Proposed Bulletin copy:

GES 4705 - Engineering Geology (3)

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Field and laboratory analysis of problems arising from interactions between humans and Earth and application of geologic knowledge to the mitigation of these problems. Lecture two hours, laboratory three hours.

Prerequisite: GES 2250, GES 2750, and GES 2751 or GES 2752. Prerequisite or co-requisite: MAT 1110 and PHY 1103 or PHY 1150.

[Dual-listed with GES 5705.] Dual listed courses require senior standing; juniors may enroll with permission of the department.

GU_CAS_GES_2024_08

Current Bulletin copy:

GES 4630 - Hydrogeology (3)

When Offered: Fall

The occurrence of groundwater resources, factors governing groundwater movement through aquifers, and an analysis of techniques for measuring a water resource are the focus of this course. Groundwater contamination and remediation methods will be introduced. Lecture two hours, laboratory three hours.

Prerequisite or co-requisite: GES 2250, MAT 1110, and PHY 1103 or PHY 1150.

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Prior Learning Assessment

Appalachian State University graduate programs may offer students an opportunity to obtain select graduate credit by Prior Learning Assessment (PLA). For participating graduate programs, PLA is the means by which university credit can be awarded for learning gains resulting from experiences outside of the traditional university setting. A maximum of 9 credit hours may be earned via PLA, with the combined total number of PLA credit hours earned and credit hours transferred from another institution not to exceed 9 credit hours.

A student's eligibility for PLA will be determined by the department chair or their designee in collaboration with the subject area program faculty and approved by the Cratis D. Williams School of Graduate Studies. The graduate program will determine the number of graduate credit hours for which a student may request eligibility. A student's eligibility for PLA must be determined before or within the first semester of admission to one of the University's graduate programs.

Note: Eligibility for PLA does not guarantee program admission. Anyone seeking credit via PLA must be either pursuing a graduate degree at Appalachian or taking courses for teacher licensure. Students cannot utilize credit by PLA for any currently enrolled course, nor can credit by PLA be used to repeat a course.

The materials submitted for PLA determination must reflect quality that is equivalent to a "B" or better for credit to be awarded.

Graduate credit earned by PLA will be noted as credit without a grade (CR) on a student's Appalachian State University transcript, and will not be factored into a student's GPA. Program faculty will determine the appropriateness of accepting PLA for their individual degree programs. Program faculty may also specify courses to be excluded or included for possible PLA credit.

The procedure for seeking PLA credit is as follows:

- The student petitions the department chair or their designee of the subject area before or within the first semester of program admission for an opportunity to demonstrate competence in the learning outcomes associated with a particular course or set of courses listed in the University's Graduate Bulletin.
- The department chair or their designee will provide guidance to the student regarding how competence must be demonstrated, the acceptable timeframe for demonstrating competence, and the process of review (previously determined by department chairs in conjunction with program faculty members).

- The student submits evidence of competence in the form and within the timeframe acceptable to the faculty of the program from which credit is sought. The evidence appropriate for each course under consideration for PLA will be determined by program faculty. Options include but are not limited to portfolios, exams, digital badges, or other means consistent with the learning outcomes of the course or courses at the program discretion.
- The program faculty members will determine acceptable dates of evidence submission for each course or set of courses for which credit is sought via PLA.
- The student will receive notification of performance results within a timeframe established by the program.
- Students may appeal PLA decisions by following the procedures established by the university grade appeal process.