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### **Purpose**

To define the purpose and requirements of a Graduate Preparatory Program.

### **Scope**

Applies to:

- a) All graduate programs
- b) All graduate students who are required to meet English language requirements for admission to a graduate program of study.

### **Definitions**

See section 2.1.4 – Language Proficiency of the Graduate Academic Calendar

### **Policy**

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Pathway partner and registration in an undergraduate academic course at MSVU (0.50 unit). The undergraduate course is determined by the Graduate Admissions Committee for the student's intended program of study and indicated in the student's admission package. This course is normally taken concurrently with the English bridging program.

In order to successfully complete a GPP, students must achieve a minimum final grade of 75% in the English bridging program and a minimum grade of B in the specified undergraduate academic course.

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- Students who fail to meet both required components (GPP and the undergraduate course) will not be admitted to their graduate program.
- Students who are successful in only one component may apply to be conditionally admitted to their program of study by submitting an appeal to the Graduate Studies Program and Policy Committee.
- Students may apply for admission to a different academic program without approval from the Graduate Studies Program and Policy Committee.

## **Procedures**

Graduate programs, when conditionally admitting a student under the auspices of a GPP will specify a suitable undergraduate course to be taken concurrently with the bridging program offered by a Language Pathway partner.

## **Appeal Procedure**

Students who fail to complete one of the two components of their GPP may apply to be conditionally admitted to their graduate program. A detailed written request must be submitted to the Dean of Graduate Studies. The Dean will contact the relevant graduate program coordinator for a substantive recommendation and obtain the student's English bridging program report and transcript. The Graduate Studies Program and Policy Committee will review the request and recommend either conditional admission or that the student not be admitted.

## **Graduate calendar entry**

### **2.1.4 Graduate Preparatory Program**

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