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Purpose

To define the purpose and requirements of the 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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- Students who fail to meet both required components 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 the GPP will specify a suitable undergraduate course to be taken concurrently with the program offered by the International Education Centre.

Appeal Procedure

Students who fail to complete one of the two components of the 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 IEC 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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