

Summary of Graduate Academic Standards Changes

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The faculty **approved** these academic standards changes at a faculty meeting on March 8, 2022.

Admissions Exceptions	<p>Proposed Change Add language to the Graduate Catalog that clarifies graduate admissions exceptions.</p> <p>Rationale Based on feedback from students, the university needs to update general admissions requirements to clarify process of admissions exceptions.</p> <p>Graduate Catalog Entry Add at the end of the general admissions requirements section immediately following “Prospective students may apply online at www.obu.edu/apply. Specific admission requirements are listed below.” (current page 13 of Graduate Catalog) <i>Any exception to University graduate admissions requirements must be approved by the Graduate Council.</i></p>
Degree Plan Declaration Graduation Checks Charging of Graduation Fee	<p>Proposed Change Add a section to the Graduate Catalog regarding the process for degree plan declaration, graduation checks, and the charging of the graduation fee.</p> <p>Rationale Adding this information codifies and clarifies these processes.</p> <p>Graduate Catalog Entry Replace Graduation Check section with the following text (page 15 of current catalog): <i>To verify that a student has met all requirements for graduation, a Dean’s Degree Check and a Graduation Check must be conducted. These checks are required to be done in the semester prior to the student’s semester of graduation. The following steps must be taken:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1. A Dean’s degree check must be done by the dean of the student’s School after it has been approved by the Program Director. After it is established that a student meets all graduation requirements, the student makes an appointment with the Registrar’s Office for a Graduation Check.</i><i>2. A final Graduation Check must be conducted by the Registrar’s Office.</i><i>3. At the completion of this graduation check, the student’s account will be charged the \$50 graduation fee.</i>

	<p><i>It is the student's responsibility to make the appointment for the Graduation Check with their Program Director and the Registrar's Office. Students will not be considered for graduation until these steps are completed.</i></p>
<p>Cross-Listing 4000 and 5000 Level Courses</p>	<p>Proposed Change Add a policy to indicate how courses may be cross-listed at both the 4000 and 5000 levels.</p> <p>Rationale There are instances in which an upper level undergraduate course may need to be cross-listed as a graduate course. In these situations, the course would appear in the catalog with a 4000-level and a 5000-level option. If a course is cross-listed, it must have a separate syllabus, separate learning outcomes, and separate assessments from the undergraduate course.</p> <p>Graduate Catalog Entry</p> <p>Cross-listed Courses <i>Certain upper-level undergraduate courses may be cross-listed at the 5000 level in the graduate catalog. Graduate students must enroll in the 5000-level course and will be expected to complete graduate-level work to receive graduate credit. A cross-listed course taken at the 4000-level will not count as graduate credit.</i></p>