

Grad Council (2016-2017)

Tulane's Graduate Council establishes and maintains university-wide procedures, rules and standards for the Master of Arts (MA), Master of Fine Arts (MFA), Master of Liberal Arts (MLA), Master of Science (MS) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree programs. The council approves new degree programs and major curriculum changes in existing programs, performs periodic program reviews, and advises the Provost on graduate education issues.

Members:

- Michael Cunningham, Chair
- Richard Ager – TSSW
- Alan Childress – LAW
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Students

- Katherine Elfer – GSSA
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- Dane Weinert – GAPSA

Staff

- Jennifer O'Brien – OGPS
- Briana Mohan - OGPS

Graduate Council met monthly throughout the calendar year.

September

- Announcements about FLSA for post docs, NLRB for student unions, delays on publishing theses and dissertations due to IP issues, annual reviews of PhD students
- Proposed MOU between schools about students taking classes outside their school

October

- Approved Childbirth Leave Policy and Planned Educational Leave Policy
- Approved Pathology Master's program
- Discussion about the use of Banner for graduate admissions, recommendation to either use Banner or make sure data gets to OAIR

November

- First discussion of which programs to include and the content of self-study documents for Master's programs

December

- Proposal to allow defense of dissertations by Skype in the event of travel issues for international students
- Approved Master of Business Analytics and PhD in Computer Science
- Proposal for interdisciplinary PhD and part-time PhD for staff and faculty
- Determined good speakers for Spring Donut Days

January

- Approval of change to the Unified Honor Code for graduate students (allows the associate dean to give a lowered grade for a minor honor code violation rather than a WF)
- Created and passed out guidelines for master's program self-study documents

February

- Reported on Executive Orders on Immigration
- Called for qualitative stories of exceptional students to help in advocating for graduate education (tied somewhat to the report from the LA Graduate Deans' meeting)
- Approved modified Childbirth and Planned Educational Leave Policies

March

- Reported on CSGS meeting, including advocacy for graduate education, immigration, and Title IX issues
- Approved the change to the Childbirth and Planned Educational Leave Policies to allow two graduate student parents to both be eligible for leave

April

- Approved interdisciplinary studies PhD across schools
- Finalized the schedule for Master's reviews
- Updated GC on student health insurance issues
- Initiated a review of a graduate assistant policy

Appendix – Schedule for review of programs awarding the research-based masters degree

Reports should be submitted to OGPS by the 15th of the month preceding review (IE, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering must submit their documents by September 15 since their review is in October)

	School	Degree	Degree type	Dept has PhD?
October				
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering	SSE	MS	4+1	Yes
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (+1 & 4+1)	SSE	MS	+1; 4+1	Yes
Neuroscience	SSE	MS	4+1	Yes
Computational Science	SSE	MS	4+1	Yes
Statistics	SSE	MS	MS	Yes
Applied Mathematics	SSE	MS	MS; 4+1	Yes
Cell and Molecular Biology	SSE	MS	MS	Yes
November				
Physics	SSE	MS	4+1	Yes
Psychology	SSE	MS	4+1	Yes
Art Studio	SLA	MFA	Terminal	No
Dance Performance	SLA	MFA	Terminal	No
Music (Performance)	SLA	MFA	Terminal	No
Musical Theater	SLA	MFA	Terminal	No
Theater (Design & Technical Production)	SLA	MFA	Terminal	No
December				
Master of Preservation Studies	Arch	MPS	Terminal	No
Master of Sustainable Real Estate Development	Arch	MSRED	Terminal	No
Liberal Arts	SCS	MLA	Terminal	No
Computing Technologies	SCS	MPS	Terminal	No
Homeland Security	SCS	MPS	Terminal	No
January				
Art History	SLA	MA	MA; 4+1	Yes
Classical Studies	SLA	MA	MA; 4+1	No
Economics	SLA	MA	MA	Yes
English	SLA	MA	4+1	No
French	SLA	MA	MA; 4+1	Yes
February				
Music (Composition, Music History, Music Science)	SLA	MA	MA	No
Anthropology	SLA	MA	4+1	Yes
History	SLA	MA	MA; 4+1	Yes

Linguistics	SLA	MA	MA; 4+1	Yes
Philosophy	SLA	MA	MA; 4+1	Yes
Spanish and Portuguese	SLA	MA	4+1	Yes

March

Anatomy	SOM	MS	MS	No
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	SOM	MS	MS	No
Clinical Research	SOM	MS	MS	No
Clinical Research Methods	SOM	MS	MS	No

April

Human Genetics	SOM	MS	MS	No
Microbiology & Immunology	SOM	MS	MS	No
Pharmacology	SOM	MS	MS	No
Physiology	SOM	MS	MS	No
Disaster Resilience Leadership	SSW	MS	MS	No