

## Revisions to the PhD Regulations

The main change is the language. All references to 'the student' have been changed to 'you', with all the appropriate grammatical adjustments. Also, all the 'a,b,c..' listings have been converted to more regular paragraph format.

More specific changes:

- P. 2: The graduate seminar is now done by PhDs in the 1st year--this is reflected here
- p. 4: re: advisory committee. Took out reference to graduate coordinator's role in establishing advisory committees (but still indicates that all committee appointments have to be approved by the graduate coordinator)
- p. 6: added emphasis to consult the web page on the responsibilities of graduate advisory committees. Old language (on p. 4 of old document) indicated that "Advisory committees are officially appointed by the graduate coordinator". Now, reads "You are encouraged to approach, as early as possible, faculty you may be interested in working with, to discuss with them the possibility of membership in your advisory committee, and to indicate these preferences to the Graduate Coordinator"
- p. 7: added that all prescribed courses must be 'philosophy' grad-level courses (previously indicated only 'graduate level courses')
- p. 7: bullet point 'f' has been changed. On old document (p.7) used to read: Students may not complete more than half of their prescribed course requirements—those to be taken after entry into the PhD—outside of the University of Guelph, either through Letter of Permission (outside of Ontario), OVGS (within Ontario), or advanced credit transfer procedures. For more information on the Ontario Visiting Graduate Student Plan, see:<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/graduatestudies/index.cfm?future/ovgs>

Now reads: "Normally, students may not complete any of their prescribed course requirements—those to be taken after entry into the PhD—outside of the University of Guelph."

- p.8: added that course plan must be submitted before 20th class day of 2nd semester (used to say 'by end of second semester).
- p. 12: under 'late or failed OQEs--language taken out about exceptions to OQE timing. Used to state that one exception is that a student could take the OQE before completing second semester of PhD seminar, with affirmation from the instructor. This is taken out, due to fact that PhD seminar is in first year now. It now says that students need to

finish all of their coursework, area, and competency requirements prior to taking the OQE.

- p. 17: Terms around GTA offers and external funding: on p. 15 of old document, it read: “All students, including those whose financial guarantee is satisfied in other ways, are entitled to apply for any advertised GTA positions in the department; however, students whose guarantee is satisfied will typically be in a lower tier of consideration for such positions. Consult the departmental GTA Hiring Process document for more details. It now reads, on p. 17 of new document: “Especially if you hold an external grant, you may find that the financial guarantee is met by some of the above sources other than GTA wages. If that is the case then the department is not obliged to offer you a GTA position, the point of the scholarship being to free up time for research.”
- Also, on old document bullet point 'g' under funding (p.16 old document) has been changed. There was a fourth condition on funding that used to read: “The student must apply for GTAs in the regular process for all semesters in which it is expected that GTAs will be awarded. The only exception to this is for the first semester of the student’s program...Failing to meet the fourth condition means that the student waives their right to a GTA for that semester.”

That fourth condition has been removed in the new document. What remains is simply the statement that failing to meet the three stated conditions voids the funding guarantee.

- There were multiple references to the Graduate Studies Committee approving committees, teaching plans, etc... These references have been changed to Graduate Coordinator where that language is more consistent with department practice.
- Finally, the reference to a Placement and Recruitment Committee, on page 16 of the old document has been changed, since we only have a Placement Officer, not a committee.