

Continuous Enrollment Requirement for Graduate Students

Effective Fall quarter 2009, graduate students will be required to maintain continuous enrollment from the time of first enrollment in a graduate program until completion of the degree. Students will maintain continuous enrollment either by being enrolled as a regular student, or by registering in a special course designated for this purpose during terms in which they are not regularly enrolled. Continuous enrollment will be defined as being enrolled during at least three quarters each college year.

The special course, GS 597 Continued Graduate Study, will be listed in the University catalog but taken through Cal Poly Continuing Education. It will be a one-unit course graded credit/no-credit. Credits in GS 597 will **not** count toward meeting degree requirements.

Students who fail to fulfill this continuous enrollment requirement will not be permitted to graduate – even if all degree requirements have been completed - until payment has been made for all quarters of non-enrollment (for example, the student may register in GS 597 through Continuing Education, for a number of units equal to the number of non-enrolled quarters).

All students must be enrolled during the quarter in which they graduate.

Applicability.

The continuous enrollment requirement for graduate students will apply to all graduate programs unless a program exemption is sought and approved. Programs that are specifically designed to be offered only in summer must require continuous enrollment in summer quarter each year. Students on approved university leaves of absence as defined in the University catalog (Medical Leave; Planned Educational Leave) will not be required to enroll during the leave period.

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