**Exceptions and Other Adjustments to** [**Graduate Council Academic Policies**](http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/#academic) **and** [**Graduate School Administrative Policies**](http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/#administrative) **In Response to COVID –19 Outbreak**

March 12, 2020

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| ***Policy*** | ***Relevant Policy Provision*** | ***Exceptions or Added Flexibility Offered*** |
| [GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students](http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students) | *Graduate Council* r*equirement for TOEFL* | ETS to offer secure home testing in next few weeks |
| [GCAC-401 Grading System](http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-400/gcac-401-grading-system/) | *Deferred grade policy for graduate students* | Extend Deferred Grade Deadline upon request |
| [GCAC-514 Continuity of Registration and Resume Study](http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-500/gcac-514-continuity-registration-resume-study/) | *Resume Study after discontinuation* | Resume Study processes will be streamlined |
| [GCAC-515 Registration Requirements When Course Work Has Been Completed](http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-500/gcac-515-registration-course-work-completed/) | *Continuous enrollment requirement for PhD students* | Execute LoA for impacted students |
| [GCAC-516 Registration for Work Done Away from Campus](http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-500/gcac-516-registration-work-away/) | *Students must complete registration* | Offer support for remote registration when needed |
| [GCAC-606 Comprehensive Examination - Research Doctorate](http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-600/gcac-606-comprehensive-examination-research-doctorate/) | *Includes a requirement for the student and minimum faculty members to be physically present* | Provide exceptions for remote participation as needed |
| [GCAC-608 Final Oral Examination - Research Doctorate](http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-600/gcac-608-final-oral-examination-research-doctorate/) | *Includes a requirement for the student and minimum faculty members to be physically present* | Provide exceptions or remote participation as needed |
| [GCAC-608 Final Oral Examination - Research Doctorate](http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-600/gcac-608-final-oral-examination-research-doctorate/) | *Requirement for Final Performance* | Program may restructure assessment to allow remote participation as needed |
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| ***Other Requirements*** | ***Standard*** | ***Proposed Solution*** |
| Submission of official transcripts | Deadline for submission to matriculate | GES is already flexible in submission deadlines |
| Student who dropped 1 credit when study abroad was cancelled | Need 1 credit to graduate this semester | Program should establish 1 credit Special Topic or Independent Study course, as appropriate |
| Students on assistantships who dropped 1credit a when study abroad was cancelled | Need 1 credit to maintain eligibility | Program should establish 1 credit Special Topic or Independent Study course, as appropriate |
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| **As usual and to expedite processing of the request, please provide as much detail in the Exception Request as possible, including the individual’s unique circumstances. (One sentence justifications “due to the coronavirus” are not sufficient.)** |  |  |
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