Utah Tech University Policy

701: Graduate Studies

I. Purpose

1.1 To provide oversight of Utah Tech University's ("the University") Graduate Studies within the Division of Academic Affairs.

II. Scope

2.1 All academic programs, personnel, support services, and systems specifically designated by the Division of Academic Affairs for the education of post-baccalaureate students.

III. Definitions

3.1 ***Director of Graduate Studies:*** The Academic Affairs employee who provides oversight and guidance to the University's post-baccalaureate programs.

3.2 ***Graduate Program(s):*** A post-baccalaureate field of study resulting in a master's degree, professional doctorate degree, or a graduate certificate.

3.3 ***Office of Graduate Studies:*** The office in the Division of Academic Affairs that oversees Graduate Programs.

IV. Policy

4.1 Policies governing Graduate Studies are proposed by the Graduate Council and the Director of Graduate Studies and must be approved using the Policy Process outlined in University Policy 101.

4.2 Policies related to the administration of Graduate Programs are under the auspices of the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost, the Graduate Council, and the Director of Graduate Studies.

4.3   Graduate Program Attributes

    4.3.1   All approved Graduate Programs and new Graduate Program proposals must align with the University's institutional learning outcomes, promote the University's mission, and be consistent with the expectations of the Graduate Program's discipline(s) and professions.

    4.3.2   Graduate Programs must differ from undergraduate programs by demonstrating greater depth and increased demands on students' intellectual and/or creative capacities as evidenced by appropriate program and course learning outcomes and accreditation standards where applicable.

    4.3.3   Graduate Programs must foster student engagement with the literature of the field, research, scholarship, and appropriate high-level professional practice.

    4.3.4   New Graduate Program proposals shall be evaluated for approval based on adherence to the qualities and attributes listed above.

    4.3.5   Each Graduate Program shall define clear admission and graduation requirements and make them widely available, including on their webpages.

V.   References

5.1   University Policy 101: Policy on Policies

VI.   Procedures
VII.   Addenda

Policy Owner: Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
Policy Steward: Director of Graduate Studies

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