

**CATALOG YEAR 2013-2014**

COLLEGE/SCHOOL/SECTION: COAS/ Dept. of Public Affairs and Social Research

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**ACADEMIC REGULATIONS – GRADUATE****GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE DEGREES**

1. *Character of Graduate Work:* The principal aim of graduate study is to develop in the student the power of independent work. Consequently, the character of work expected of graduate students is different from that of less-advanced students. A wide knowledge of the major subject and related subjects will be expected. To this end, the student will do assigned readings, attend lectures, and conferences, and make use of the library in equipping himself/herself to do effective study. In the A. R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business, written and oral communications are important components of each course.
2. *Hours Required:* Thirty to forty-nine hours of approved graduate courses depending on the degree. No more than six (6) hours of 4000 level coursework may be used to satisfy degree requirements.
3. *Residence:* All coursework must be taken at this University. See #4 below.
4. *Transfer of Graduate-level Study:* Six hours of graduate level study with a minimum grade of 3.0 (“B”) on a 4.0 scale may be transferred, with the consent of the Department Chair, from other accredited institutions of higher education.
5. *Grades Required:* A minimum grade point average of 3.0 (“B”) on a 4.0 point scale computed on all graduate work attempted must be maintained as well as in the major and in the minor. No more than three (3) semester credit hours with a letter grade of “C” earned at this university will be accepted as credit for a master’s degree. Exception: No grade below 3.0 (“B”) will be accepted for the MA in Counseling Psychology **and in the major curriculum courses in Sociology.**
6. *Correspondence Work:* In no case will courses taken by correspondence be accepted for graduate credit.
7. *Graduation Under a Particular Catalog:* A degree seeking student may receive his/her master’s degree upon satisfying the requirements of the catalog under which he/she first earned resident credit for graduate work, or upon satisfying the requirements of the catalog of any subsequent year in which he/she earned credit as a resident student in the

University. All requirements for a master's degree must be completed within a period of five years or within the time specified for the particular program. No credit more than five/six years old, counting from the catalog year in effect at registration, will be recognized as graduate credit applicable toward a graduate degree. Students whose coursework has expired may repeat the expired course(s) or request an appropriate substitute.

8. *Conferring of Degrees*: No degree will be conferred except publicly and on Commencement Day of the spring and fall semesters.

**Justification:** the Sociology faculty have voted this change in their grade deficiency policy. They have decided to conform to the "general requirement" of allowing a single "C," as long as final GPA is at or above 3.0.

This change has been approved by University Graduate Affairs Committee.

Approvals:	Signature	Date
Chair Department Curriculum Committee	_____	_____
Chair Department	_____	_____
Chair College Curriculum Committee	_____	_____
Dean	_____	_____

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