

Proposal to Create a New Grade “GP” for “Graduate Project”

The Graduate Council requests that a new grade, “GP” (for “Graduate Project”) be created so that non-thesis students engaged in research will be eligible for financial aid, in the same way that thesis and dissertations students are currently eligible for financial aid.

The new grade would permit students enrolled in graduate project courses, CIVL 7980 (Engineering Project) for example, to enroll concurrently in GRAD 7@@0 and thus be eligible for financial aid, because they are enrolled in a graded, credit-earning course.

The new grade, “GP” (grade mode = “G”) would function in Banner similar to the “TD” grade (grade mode = “T”), for students enrolled in (a) 7990 (Research and Thesis) and GRAD 7@@0 (Thesis Completion); or (b) 8990 (Research and Dissertation) and 8@@0 (Dissertation Completion).

At the course level, at the discretion of the unit, other valid grading modes, such as “S” (Standard: A, B, C, D, F) and “P” (Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory), would still be options for the Graduate Project courses (7980).

If approved by the Academic Standards Committee, the proposal will be submitted to the University Senate for review and approval.

This proposal was approved by the Graduate Council on February 9, 2011.

Thesis : not graded- but considered full time

Dissertation: not graded- but considered full time

Proposal: Civil Engineering: required to do a project, are given credit but do not want to give a grade. 1-10 hours. (Have been doing it without giving a grade.)

If change grade type to GP, students are eligible.

Non thesis graduate project: GP—ungraded course but considered full time