



## Academic Senate

### COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JURISDICTION

Date: October 22, 2025

To: Kenneth Barish, Chair  
Riverside Division

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From: Randolph C. Head, Chair  
Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

**Re: [Campus Review] (Proposed Regulation Change) Changes to UCR Regulations 2, 3, and 4: 2–Requirements for the Degree of Master of Arts or Master of Science, and Master of Administration; 3-Requirements for the Degree of Master of Fine Arts; 4–Requirements for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy**

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction has carefully considered the Proposed Changes to UCR Regulations 2, 3, and 4: 2–Requirements for the Degree of Master of Arts or Master of Science, and Master of Administration; 3-Requirements for the Degree of Master of Fine Arts; 4–Requirements for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy. The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction appreciates the Graduate Council’s and Graduate Division’s initiative to update these regulations. In addition to editorial comments, the Committee believes that the current draft is not sufficiently clear on the role that summer quarters can play in fulfilling the residency requirements. This involves both campus regulations and the underlying Senate Regulations 688-690. The Committee believes that there are potential discrepancies between the proposed regulations and the Senate Regulations that should be clarified. The Committee also suggests additional clarity in the handling of deadlines in Regulation 2.1.2, last 2 lines.

#### SUMMER REGISTRATION AND RESIDENCY:

The issue of counting Summer session enrollments as quarters in residence is regulated by the UC Systemwide regulations 688-690. The proposed campus regulations, however, add a sentence saying that Summer session registration is not “typically” counted for residence. Regulation 688-690 says that summer quarters “may be” counted, according to specific criteria. Therefore, the campus regulations should provide guidance about when Summer enrollments can count for residency, and when not, and should not override the systemwide regulation.

2.2, 4.1.1                      The word “typically” in the added text does not provide guidance about when summer quarters might be counted, and does not refer to the specific criteria laid out in systemwide Regulations 688-690.

2.2.2, 2.2.3, Conform with Regulations 688-690, but seem to contradict the sentence added to 2.2.1.

4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3 Applies as above

#### DEADLINES:

2.1.2, last 2 lines. The word “typically” found here tells students that there are other options without providing any guidance on how they are regulated. The text should be clarified on this point. For example (depending on how the Graduate Council and Graduate Division wish to regulate the submission deadlines): “Unless otherwise specified in a department’s program [or whatever exceptions apply], results of the capstone requirement must be reported to the Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate studies by the day grades are due for the quarter in which the requirement is completed.” (Also with minor editorial suggestions).

#### EDITORIAL CHANGES:

For additional clarity, the Committee also suggests the following editorial changes.

2.1, lines 7-8: “...all requirements for the degree must normally be satisfied within one calendar year from time of advancement to candidacy for the Master’s degree.”

2.1, lines 10-12: “If..., the students may only change plans once, with the approval of the faculty graduate advisor, prior to advancement to candidacy for the Master’s degree. Once advanced to candidacy, changing plans is not permitted.”

2.1.1, line 3: Change “make” to “conduct”

2.1.1, line 4: Delete “a”

2.1.1, line 4-5: Rephrase as “In preparation of the thesis, the candidate...”  
Thus: “...demonstrating the ability to conduct independent investigation, is required of every candidate pursuing Plan I. In preparation of the thesis, the candidate...”

2.1.1, line 8: Suggest replacing “is” with “shall be”: “This committee shall be composed...”

2.1.1, section 3, line 4: Delete “a” before “Plan I”

2.1.2: As written, the Capstone Plan could be interpreted to require all of the listed options: “Capstone requirements include, but are not limited to

Comprehensive Exam, Performance, Exhibition", etc.") Suggest rephrasing to make it clear that these are alternatives. For example, "A department's options for the Capstone requirement include but are not limited to..."

- 2.3 The Committee suggests: "To advance to candidacy for the Master's degree, students must apply to the Vice Provost..."
- 2.3 The clause "specifically..." reads a bit oddly. The Committee suggests something like "with the recommendation of the faculty graduate advisor of the graduate program in which the student is completing their degree."
- 2.3 The Committee suggests: "Application for advancement to candidacy for the Master's degree shall be made..."
- 3 Suggested clarification of section title: "Requirements for specific Master's Degree Objectives, and for the status of Candidate in Philosophy." [the term "Candidate in Philosophy" is no longer in common use and would benefit from clarification].
- 3.1 The Committee suggests: "No units from 001-099, 291, 300 or 400 level courses may be used..."
- 3.1.6, last line the Committee suggests: "to test the candidate's knowledge of the field" [gender-neutral language]
- 3.2 The Committee suggests reversing the first and second sentences, in order to put the definition first, then the process and the limitations in the 3rd sentence.