

## Graduate School Coffee Talk Recap, October 29, 2014

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### Announcements

- New Faculty Advising session results—The Graduate School (GS) hosted a New Faculty Advising session on Oct. 6. Attendees were surveyed and reported the session was useful and helpful. Additional sessions will be held every fall and spring term. Please encourage new and current faculty to attend.
- [Grad School annual report](#) is now posted to the web
- Grad School 3-minute videos—The GS is producing videos focusing on graduate student research. The aim is to emphasize the WHY (merit) and the WHAT IT COULD DO (impact) of research being conducted by MSU graduate students. The videos will have various uses (Inspiring students to enroll, the public to support, the donor to give).

### Notification of revised policy by UGC

- P/F limitations for doctoral: cannot “consider” P/F credits from masters toward doctoral degree; approved 3/7/14, effective 2015/2016 catalog
- Max of 30 credits excluding thesis and professional paper/project credits can be “considered” from masters to doctoral; approved 10/8/14, effective Fall 2016
- [Video conference policy](#) revision; approved 4/21/14, effective Spring 2015
- Inactive student procedure—If a doctoral student has been inactive for 3 terms, not counting summer, The GS will inactivate their graduate representative in Banner. If an inactive student returns to MSU they will need to request a new graduate representative be assigned. Approved 9/24/14, effective 9/24/14.

**One-credit Extension**—Students wishing to enact the [One-credit Extension](#) should email [degreesandcertificates@montana.edu](mailto:degreesandcertificates@montana.edu)

### En route vs Continuing Students definitions

- En route **doctoral only**: a doctoral student can pursue a master’s en route to their doctoral degree
- Continuing **master’s only**: a master’s student decides (with dept support) to pursue a doctoral degree in the same department directly following their master’s with no break in attendance.

**Revised forms**—[Graduate Status Change](#) and [Graduation Application](#)

**CollegeNet**—Faculty and staff may request CollegeNet training by contacting the Office of Admissions at [gradschool@montana.edu](mailto:gradschool@montana.edu)

**Special Guest**—Dr. David Di Maria, Associate Provost, Office of International Programs  
“Essential Considerations Pertaining to the Evaluation of International Graduate Applications”

**Next Coffee Talk:** Dec. 9, 2014, 2-3:30pm, SUB 233, hosted by Maya Bronston and Donna Negaard.