

Hello Graduate Students,

You are receiving this email because you are a non-degree seeking graduate student at Montana State University. I hope you are enjoying the semester and are finding that your courses are fulfilling your goal whether it is to further your career, to broaden your knowledge on a topic, or to explore a new field.

As a non-degree student, you may enroll in courses indefinitely. If your goal shifts and you would like to pursue a certificate or a degree, you must contact the relevant department to find out about their requirements, deadlines, and application processes.

Please note a few key policies that apply to credits taken while in non-degree status:

- o Certificate students may apply a combined total of three (3) non-degree, reserved, and transfer credits at the 4xx level or higher to a certificate program of study
(http://www.montana.edu/gradschool/policy/degreq_general.html#degreq_general_othercredits)
- o Master and doctoral students may apply a combined total of no more than nine (9) non-degree, reserved, and transfer credits at the 4xx level or higher to a degree-seeking program of study
(http://www.montana.edu/gradschool/policy/degreq_general.html#degreq_general_othercredits)

An index of all Graduate School policies can be found here: <http://www.montana.edu/gradschool/policy/index.html> and application information is here: <http://www.montana.edu/gradschool/admissions/apply.html>.

In other news, I am pleased to announce that **the third annual Graduate Student Summit will take place on October 29 & 30**. This is a great chance to gain professional development training to complement your education and build camaraderie with other graduate students. The free event will feature panels and workshops on fellowships, career development, and more. Dr. Robert Augustine, Senior Vice President for the Council of Graduate Schools, will be the keynote speaker on October 29 and will lead a networking workshop that afternoon. Visit the website for full Summit schedule and registration information: <https://sites.google.com/site/msugradsummit/home>

Our door is always open at The Graduate School. Staff are available to help you navigate the application process toward a certificate or degree. You may contact us at 406-994-4145; gradschool@montana.edu.

Sincerely,

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