



POLICY TITLE

Graduate Council Policy

POLICY NUMBER

1-017

<i>Responsible Unit:</i> Graduate School	<i>Effective Date:</i> 03/01/2021
<i>Responsible Official:</i> Dean of Graduate School	<i>Last Reviewed Date:</i>
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I. POLICY STATEMENT AND RATIONALE

The Graduate Council serves as the primary policy-making and academic advisory body to the Graduate School. The Graduate Council is responsible for the development and review of policies governing graduate education and programs at the Southern University – Baton Rouge (SUBR). Specific functions include: the review of the graduate program curriculum, review of existing graduate courses, review of letters of intent and proposals for new graduate programs, review and approval of graduate faculty status applications, facilitating support services to graduate students and ensuring that processes and procedures are in place to address graduate student and faculty concerns. Thus, this Policy serves as the guidance document that supports a well-represented Graduate Council that operates effectively and efficiently, makes decisions based on clear guidelines, and contributes to the revision and implementation of an updated strategic plan for the Graduate School that is aligned to SUBR’s Strategic – Imagine 20K.

II. POLICY SCOPE AND AUDIENCE

The major audiences of the Policy are the SUBR graduate students, graduate faculty, academic units that offer graduate programs, on-campus entities that deal with graduate studies, Graduate School staff and external partnering graduate institutions and graduate school organizations.

6. Reviews and makes recommendations on proposals for new or revised graduate degree programs, graduate certificates, graduate concentrations/specializations, graduate courses, deletions of programs, and curriculum additions or changes submitted by academic units offering graduate programs.
7. Initiates and supervises interdisciplinary or dual degree graduate programs in response to national, regional, or state needs.
8. Makes recommendations about establishing, affiliating, and abolishing academic centers and institutions that are engaged in research or graduate education.
9. Approves, or modifies recommendations made by the standing or ad-hoc committees.
10. Promotes and reviews periodic self-evaluation of graduate programs to ensure vitality, currency, and academic quality.
11. Considers appeals/concerns filed by graduate students relating to regulations of specific graduate programs or their welfare.

VI. POLICY RELATED INFORMATION

The Graduate Council is referenced in the 2019-2023 Graduate Catalog.

VII. POLICY HISTORY AND REVIEW CYCLE

This policy is a revised edition of an existing Graduate Council Policy and will be effective beginning March 1, 2021, upon the approval of the Southern University System Board of Supervisors and the President-Chancellor of the Southern University and A&M College System. This policy is subject to the System and Board approved five-year policy review cycle.

VIII. POLICY URL


Southern University Policies and Procedures: <https://www.sus.edu/page/su-board-policies>

IX. POLICY APPROVAL



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Chair - Southern University System Board of Supervisors

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