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GPD Luncheon

September 10, 2024

Welcome

Thanks for everything you do for graduate education at UNCG

Graduate Program Director Appreciation Luncheon

Today's Agenda

- Welcome
 - GPD of the year
 - Introductions
- Reminders
 - GPD Timeline and Deadlines
 - GPD expectations document
 - Changes to Applications
 - 3MT in October/November
 - Curriculum Deadline 12/2/24
- Updates
 - Enrollment and Targets
 - Thesis and Dissertation Awards
 - Commencement Changes
 - New Policies for 24–25
 - Policy Proposals
 - DegreeWorks Update
 - Graduate Roundtables
 - Tuesdays: virtual, master focus
 - Wednesday: on-campus, doctoral focus
- Conclusion

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The Graduate School

Administration

- Greg Bell, Dean
- Heather Bishop
- Laura Drew
- George Durfee
- Heather Mitchell

Admissions

- Kelly Meris
- J Chastain
- Amy Masters

Enrolled Students

- Maria Hayden
- Michelle Silveri
- Ian Draves
- Beverly Lucas
- Adrian Williams

Faculty Fellows

- Hewan Girma
- Brad Johnson

Contacting the Graduate School

The Graduate School makes use of several collaborative inboxes. Emailing these is usually the quickest way for your *students* to resolve issues or questions.

- Admissions inquires: inquiry@uncg.edu
- Enrolled student inquiries: grsenrol@uncg.edu
- Graduate School Degree Works: graddegworks@uncg.edu
- Graduate School budget inquiries: grsfin@uncg.edu
- North Carolina residency inquiries: gradresidency@uncg.edu

GPD Resources

<https://go.uncg.edu/gpd-materials>

GPD Resource Page

- GPD Timeline
- Program Targets & Capacity
- Application Funnel Report
- Graduation Deadlines
- Graduate Assistant Work Schedule
- GPD Appointment Policy and Responsibilities

Meeting Minutes

Forms and Templates

- GPD Appointment Form
- GTA Instructor of Record Credentialing Form
- Thesis and Dissertation Guide
- Handbook Templates

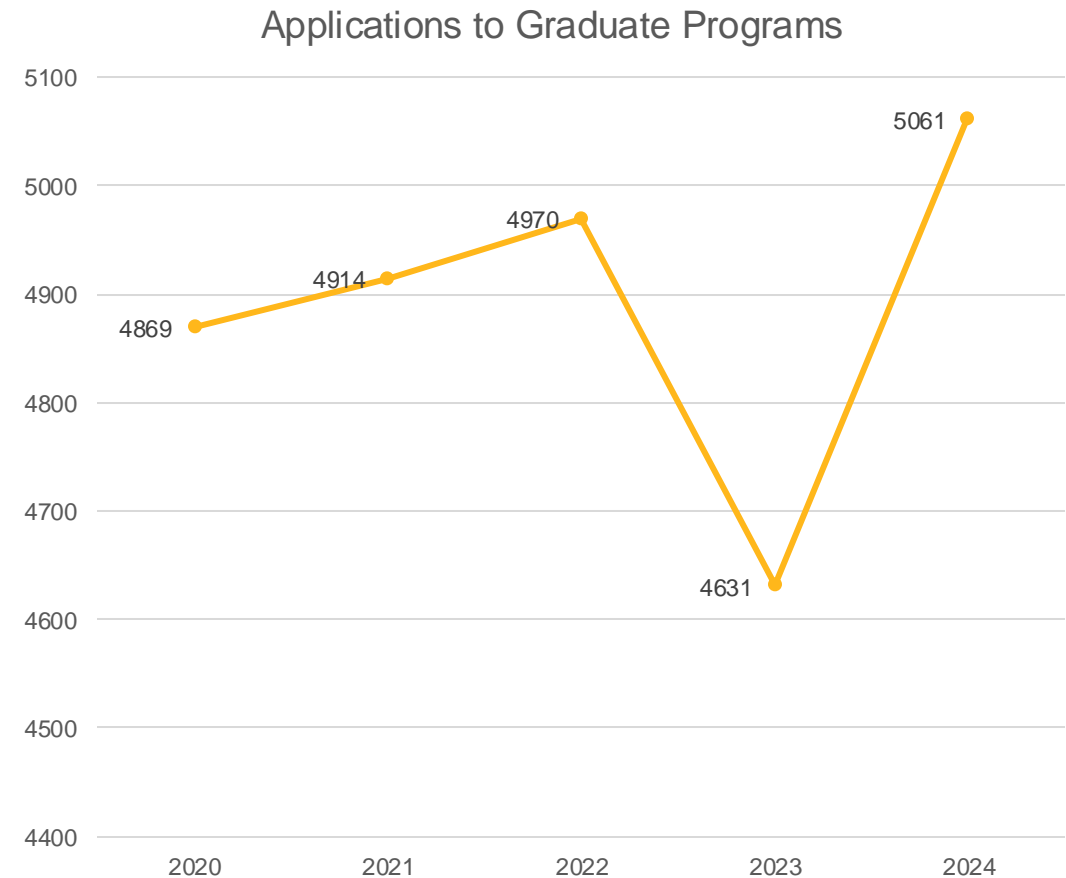
Three-minute Thesis (3MT) opens soon



- The 2024 3MT competition opens soon.
- Preliminary rounds in October determine the ~10 finalists
- Finalists compete in November for a chance to advance to the regional finals in April.

Enrollment is up!

- We exceed our Graduate Enrollment Goal (+20)
- New graduate enrollment was up by 5%
- Surpassed 5000 applications for the first time.
- Overall increase was due to small across-the-board increases.



Changes for 2024–2025

- Thesis and dissertation awards moved.
- Commencement changes:
 - December – Doctoral Hooding Ceremony returns to UNCG Auditorium.
 - May – Doctoral and Master’s Commencement Ceremony in Coliseum.
- Graduate Roundtables:
 - Tuesday – virtual meeting focused on master’s degree programs.
 - Wednesday – on-campus meeting (with refreshments) focused on doctoral programs.
- Degree Works available to master’s degree students with catalog year 2024–2025.

Reminders from Admissions

- Data cleanup
 - Deferrals now handled as a new application (GRS pays) to an upcoming term.
 - Once an application has been submitted, no changes may be made to it; this includes program-initiated changes.
- Changes to Slate
 - Only minor changes can be made mid-semester.
 - Cannot open new entry terms for individual students.
- Admissions specialists reaching out.
- Direct Admissions

Policy Changes from 2023–2024

- Independent study can now count for certificate students.
- IPIE students in non-degree programs can use NC Teaching License in lieu of unofficial transcripts.
- Aligned policies on publishing theses and dissertations: Theses must be published on NC DOCKS.
- Timing of candidacy changed and moved expectation on candidacy expectations to more prominent spot in catalog.
- Revised Academic Probation and Dismissal to a “three strikes” policy.
- Clarified role of B- counting towards Master’s Degrees.

Policy Committee Work 2024–2025

- Academic recovery and renewal.
- Removing IP grades for capstones.
- Revise independent study policy.
- Allow certificates to be awarded in the semester a student enters the program.
- Revise comprehensive exam requirements pass/conditional/fail.
- Adjust GPD appointment to allow terms of 1 to 5 years.
- Add a 0-credit course for students who have satisfied all requirements for a degree in a previous term.
- Generative AI – what are programs doing? What do your disciplines suggest?
- Other challenges you'd like to see addressed?

Open Q & A

Thanks for your attention and engagement