

Admission to Master's or Doctoral Degree Candidacy

Student _____ SS or VCU ID# _____

Address _____

Degree _____ Major _____

My signature acknowledges that I have read and understand the following policies regarding research involving human or animal subjects and continuous enrollment requirements.

Student's signature_____
Date

Research involving human or animal subjects must receive approval from the Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) before collection of data may begin. I understand that failure to obtain a copy of the IRB or IACUC approval letter from the project principal investigator will negate the use of that data for my thesis/dissertation or in any form of presentation or publication. (Information on human and animal subjects can be found at www.research.vcu.edu/irb/index.htm and www.vcu.edu/research/iacuc/index2.htm.)

University Graduate Council and Graduate School continuous enrollment policy requires that any student engaged in any form of study at VCU that involves use of university facilities, laboratories/studios and/or libraries, or who is supervised by or consults regularly with a faculty member concerning graduate work on a project, work of art, thesis or dissertation must register formally for a course while engaged in these activities, including the semester in which the student graduates.

Graduate students approved for candidacy must register for at least one graduate credit hour at VCU each fall and spring semester until the degree is awarded (including the semester of graduation). Students should consult with their program directors regarding additional enrollment requirements. Graduate students with approved leaves of absence are exempted from continuous enrollment requirements for the LOA period.

Note: While an LOA temporarily suspends continuous enrollment requirements, it does not extend the time limit for degree completion. -

Major Adviser and Advisory Committee Members (if applicable):

Major adviser_____
Committee member_____
Committee member_____
Committee member_____
Committee member_____
Committee member

The program director, major adviser and/or advisory committee (if applicable) have approved this student for admission to candidacy effective _____ and confirm the following (check all that apply):

- A 3.0 GPA has been maintained on all graduate course work attempted after acceptance into program (for repeated courses, both original and repeat grade must be included in calculation of graduate GPA).
- No more than 6 semester hours or 20 percent of total semester hours attempted (whichever greater) at "C" or below level (C, D, F).
- Graduate course work only (500 level or higher) may be applied to a graduate degree with at least one half of required course work designated exclusively for graduate students (600 level or higher).
- Written and oral comprehensive and/or qualifying examinations (if required) have been passed.
- The thesis or dissertation prospectus (if required for candidacy) or final research project has been approved.
- The major adviser and/or advisory committee members (if applicable) have been identified (**please identify above**).
- Other _____

Approval signatures:

Major Adviser's Signature_____
Date_____
Graduate Program Director's Signature_____
Date_____
School Dean's Signature_____
Date_____
Graduate Dean's Signature_____
Date