

# Graduate Student Information

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Salisbury University is approved for graduate instruction by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the Maryland Higher Education Commission. The University offers graduate programs leading to the Master of Business Administration, the Master of Education, the Master of Education in public school administration, the Master of Arts in Teaching (in cooperation with the University of Maryland Eastern Shore), the Master of Arts in English, the Master of Arts in history, the Master of Science in nursing, the Master of Science in applied health physiology and the Master of Social Work. Graduate study is also available for teachers seeking advanced certification in school administration, and for post-baccalaureate students seeking graduate credit in both academic and professional areas.

During the fall and spring semesters, most graduate students enroll for courses offered during the University's evening program. This program consists mainly of courses meeting once weekly throughout the semester in either late afternoon or evening sessions of approximately three hours each. A limited number of courses open both to graduate students and advanced undergraduates are available in the regular daytime program. In addition, graduate study is available during the University's summer session and winter term. Residence hall accommodations are available to graduate students only during the summer session and winter term.

Requirements for admission to graduate school include a completed Application for Graduate Study, the application fee and official transcripts from all undergraduate institutions attended. Additional requirements vary by specific program.

Please note, unless otherwise specified, policies for undergraduate and graduate students are the same.

## Graduate Study Mission Statement

The faculty and administration of Salisbury University accept the responsibility of enhancing graduate students' ability to obtain, understand and accurately assess information and ideas, to think reasonably and independently, and to speak and write intelligently and effectively.

Graduate education at Salisbury University encourages students to expand knowledge and facility in their respective fields of study, and to embrace an ethos dedicated to the continued acquisition of knowledge and the pursuit of the intellectual ideal.

The graduate faculty of the University demonstrate the competence, experience, professional association, instructional mastery, scholarly productivity and service involvement essential to the development of high quality

learning. They further recognize that cooperative research and professional enterprise are paramount to the enhancement of graduate-level erudition.

The faculty believe that the substance and method of instruction and research must foster in students a disposition for responsible conduct characterized by integrity, fairness, respect for others, dedication to the pursuit of truth and a willingness to re-examine one's own convictions. One of the University's primary objectives is to cultivate a desire for excellence, a reverence for high principles and the ability to participate in the public forum as informed, committed citizens.

The University prepares graduate students to work confidently and effectively in their chosen career and provides counsel, guidance and instruction appropriate to the requirements of graduate programs. Coherent thought, sound judgment and effective communication will be demonstrated by students in all areas of study.

Because students at every level of study have interests and needs beyond the scope of academic life, the faculty and administration provide and sponsor those services and extracurricular activities which are consistent with the goals and purposes of the institution in general and the graduate program in particular. Furthermore, the University is committed to the integration of graduate students into the social and cultural fabric of campus and community life.

## Objectives

Graduate study at Salisbury University provides baccalaureate degree holders with opportunities for professional advancement and personal enrichment. The graduate curriculum is designed to assist such students in attaining greater mastery of their fields of specialization, improving skills in pursuing independent study, and increasing professional knowledge and ability through the study of new findings in areas of special interest.

The University recognizes its obligation to baccalaureate degree holders residing on the Delmarva Peninsula and strives to offer constructive coursework at the graduate level designed to meet their specific needs throughout the year.

## Admission to Graduate Study

Applications for graduate study are considered for individuals who have completed requirements for the baccalaureate degree at a regionally accredited institution of higher learning or at an institution accredited by the Maryland Higher Education Commission. Students enrolled in their last semester prior to graduation for undergraduate study will be reviewed for ad-

mission provided their most current transcripts are available. Admission to graduate study will be granted contingent upon the completion of the undergraduate degree prior to entering graduate study at SU.

Students seeking admission to graduate study may obtain application materials from the Admissions Office. A completed application will consist of the Application for Admission to Graduate Programs, application fee and official transcripts from the baccalaureate granting institution and all institutions attended for graduate study.

Applicants must request that the registrar of their undergraduate institution forward an official copy of their undergraduate transcripts showing completion of all baccalaureate requirements, and must also request that the registrars of all previously attended graduate institutions forward official copies of graduate transcripts directly to the Admissions Office. Applications are reviewed upon receipt of all required materials and applicants are formally notified of their admission status.

Admission to graduate study does not constitute admission to a specific master's degree program. Students admitted for graduate study who have not been admitted to a specific master's degree program are considered non-degree students. Applicants seeking admission to a specific master's degree program must also complete requirements specific to that program. Upon admission to a master's degree program, applicants are considered degree-seeking students. Admission to the University is granted without regard to race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

## Admission to a Master's Degree Program

Students seeking formal admission to a graduate degree program may obtain application materials from the Office of Admissions. To apply, graduate applicants must:

1. submit a completed graduate application with the application fee to the Office of Admissions;
2. have official transcripts sent to the Office of Admissions from all colleges and universities attended;
3. if seeking in-state tuition, submit a completed Residency/Domicile Information form; and
4. complete the additional admission requirements specified by the applicant's degree program.

Students seeking information about a master's degree program should consult the Graduate Curriculum section of the school in which the program is housed or address inquiries to the appropriate program director. The respective program directors will formally notify qualified applicants of the admission to specific degree programs and assign faculty advisors to assist in formulating appropriate plans of study.

## Continuous Enrollment

Students admitted to graduate degree programs must maintain continuous enrollment by completing at least one graduate course every calendar year. Admitted students who do not complete at least one graduate course each calendar year are automatically withdrawn from their graduate degree program and must apply for readmission.

Readmission requires the resubmission of the Graduate Application form, official transcripts from all graduate schools attended since leaving the University and the Residency/Domicile Information form (if seeking in-state tuition). No other documents are required if readmission is sought within seven years of initial admission.

## Non-Degree Student Enrollment

Eligible students who wish to enroll as non-degree graduate students (not formally admitted to a graduate degree program) are not required to complete a formal application for admission and may schedule up to two graduate classes per term. These students must have official transcripts sent to the Admissions Office from the baccalaureate granting institution (specifying their bachelor's degree major) and all institutions attended for graduate study, and register for classes with the Registrar's Office. Once the required official transcripts arrive, non-degree students may continue to enroll in graduate classes by submitting a completed registration form to the Registrar's Office.

To facilitate non-degree students' ease in scheduling classes, the arrival of transcripts may be delayed up to the end of the student's first semester at SU. However, students must have their transcripts sent as quickly as possible as they may be necessary for scheduling purposes. If the official transcript(s) does not arrive in the Admissions Office by the end of their first term, students will not be allowed to schedule additional graduate classes or have graduate transcripts sent from SU.

Certain graduate courses are available only to students formally admitted to a degree program. (Refer to the individual course descriptions for more information.)

## Readmission of Graduate Students

Any graduate student who has not been previously admitted to a graduate degree program at SU cannot be readmitted; in order to be readmitted, a student must first have been admitted. If a student who was admitted to a graduate degree program withdraws for more than one academic year and wants to return to the University, he or she must apply for readmission whether they wish to be admitted to a graduate degree program or attend as a non-degree graduate student. To be readmitted to a graduate degree program, the student must fill out the graduate application (there is no admission fee if the student was previously admitted to a graduate degree program), have official transcripts sent from colleges attended since leaving SU and provide any additional documents specified by the department offering the degree program. To be readmitted as a non-degree graduate student, the student must fill out the graduate application (there is no admission fee) and have official transcripts sent from any college attended since leaving SU. From that semester forward (unless the student is not enrolled in classes for more than an academic year), degree seeking and non-degree seeking students schedule classes in a continuing status and need only register for courses.

## Admission of International Students

International students who demonstrate graduate ability and proficiency in the English language may be offered admission. International students should submit all required documents by May 1 for fall admission and September 1 for spring admission.

The University requires the following documents for graduate admission:

1. Application for Admission Graduate Programs
2. University International Student Application Supplement
3. Official or certified true copies of all grade reports, diplomas and academic records (Documents should include a copy in the original language, along with an English translation.)
4. University Declaration of Finances form

Applicants whose native language is other than English must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and have official results sent to the Office of Admissions. A minimum score of 550 on the written exam or 213 on the computer exam is required. TOEFL information may be obtained by contacting: TOEFL, P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, NJ 08541-6151, USA, on the Web at [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org).

All documents must be sent directly to the Admissions Office by the institution that provided each official document.

International graduate student applicants may be required to have their credentials reviewed by professional, external evaluators identified by Salisbury University. If such external review is necessary, appropriate forms will be sent to applicants early in the admission process. International students must be admitted to a degree program before the immigration document (I-20) will be provided.

## Registration

To receive academic credit for coursework, students must be officially registered. Students must register during the periods indicated in the academic calendar. Late registrants are required to pay a late fee. The University reserves the right to discontinue any course or course section for which there is insufficient enrollment. Students should refer to the *Registration Bulletin* for details regarding registration procedures and course offerings.

## Graduate Credit During Senior Year

Salisbury University undergraduates within nine semester hours of completing requirements for the baccalaureate degree, who have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 (3.0 in business), may register for graduate credit to be taken concurrently with the remaining courses in the baccalaureate program, providing they have submitted the application and application fee for admission to graduate study and have the approval of the appropriate program director or department chair. Students within six hours of the baccalaureate degree may enroll in up to six hours of graduate credit. Those

within seven to nine hours of the bachelors may take up to three graduate credits. Graduate coursework taken under this arrangement cannot be applied to the undergraduate degree program and will be billed at the graduate credit rate in addition to the undergraduate costs.

## Transfer Credit

Graduation from a SU graduate program requires a minimum of 21 semester hours of program-required credits to be satisfactorily completed at SU. Some graduate programs require completion of more than 21 semester hours, so students are advised to refer to the appropriate program description in this catalogue.

On the recommendation of the faculty advisor and with the approval of the master's degree program director, a student may transfer graduate credit from other regionally accredited institutions, providing these credits are directly related to the student's program of study, approved by the student's program director, found acceptable for graduate degree credit by the offering institution, and confirmed by an official transcript showing graduate credit earned with a minimum grade of B. All SU programs have a specific maximum transfer credit allowance; see appropriate program description.

Current students planning to earn graduate credit at another institution for possible transfer toward master's degree requirements at Salisbury University must first complete a Permission to Study at Another Institution Form and receive authorization from both the program director and registrar's representative. Students should provide a copy of the course title and description, course syllabus, and the number of semester hours of instruction, so that a decision can be made in advance regarding the acceptability of the course for transfer. In each case, the student should make certain that the course is deemed graduate level by the offering institution. No credit will be awarded for any course completed without prior approval.

Coursework earned through correspondence is not eligible for transfer. Transfer credit completed more than seven years prior to the date of graduation will not be counted toward a graduate degree (see "Time Limitation"). Transfer credit that has been applied to one graduate degree may not be applied to a second graduate degree.

The cumulative grade point average of each student will be calculated *only* on coursework completed at Salisbury University.

## Inter-Institutional Registration

Credit earned through Inter-Institutional Registration with other University System of Maryland institutions will be accepted as credit earned at Salisbury University. Coursework and grades earned will be applied toward graduation requirements at Salisbury University, and will be counted in the SU grade point average.

Graduate students who wish to participate in the Inter-Institutional Registration Program may register at SU using the University System of Maryland Application for Inter-Institutional Enrollment form available at the Registrar's Office. The policies and procedures for this program are also available at the Registrar's Office.

## Faculty Advisory System

Upon admission to a master's degree program, students are assigned appropriate faculty advisors who help them develop a valid plan of study and, once they have met program requirements for their master's degree, recommend them for graduation to the appropriate program director.

Students are ultimately responsible for formulating plans of study which satisfy University and master's program requirements, while meeting personal and professional goals. To develop and schedule such plans of study effectively, students should meet with their faculty advisors upon admission to the degree program, periodically throughout the program and at the start of the semester prior to the awarding of the degree. Where students and faculty advisors agree on deviations from the prescribed programs of study, such changes must be approved in writing by the advisor and program director. Non-degree graduate students considering application to graduate degree programs are encouraged to seek advisement from the appropriate graduate program director.

## Catalogue Selection

Students admitted to master's degree programs are generally allowed to satisfy graduation requirements as stated in any single catalogue of the University that satisfies all of the following conditions:

1. The catalogue selected is in effect for the semester of the student's formal admission to a master's degree program, or any subsequent catalogue in force while enrollment within the program is maintained, provided it does not predate the student's year of graduation by more than seven years.
2. The catalogue selected meets all requirements imposed by external agencies.
3. The catalogue does not require the University to retain and/or provide discontinued policies, curricula, special facilities or resources unnecessary for the completion of the existing academic program.

## Time Limitation

No course, including any transfer course, may be counted toward a degree if it was completed more than seven full calendar years prior to the date of graduation. For example, a course completed in May 1994 may not be counted by a student graduating after May 2001.

Course grades remain in effect for seven years. After seven years, grades are recorded with the prefix "I" to indicate they are "Inactive" and are no longer applicable to the graduate program or calculated into students' grade point average.

## Full-Time and Part-Time Enrollment Status

Full-time status during the fall and spring semester requires enrollment in a minimum of nine graduate semester hours (six hours for graduate assistants). Full-time status in the winter and summer terms requires

enrollment in a minimum of six graduate semester hours.

Half-time status during the fall and spring semester requires enrollment in a minimum of five graduate semester hours. Half-time status in the winter and summer terms requires enrollment in a minimum of three graduate semester hours.

Overload requests for course loads in excess of 12 hours during the fall or spring semester, nine hours during the summer term or six hours during the winter term, must be approved by the program director.

## Class Attendance

Students are expected to attend all class meetings of courses for which they are registered, unless informed otherwise by the instructor concerned. Frequent unexcused absences, together with unsatisfactory work due to absence, may result in exclusion from the course.

## Course Numbering System: Graduate Credit

Courses at the 500 and 600 levels offer graduate credit exclusively. Some courses at the 400 level appearing in this catalogue may be taken for graduate or undergraduate credit. Graduate students enrolled in such courses are expected to do graduate-level work and to meet requirements more rigorous than those established for undergraduates. It is the responsibility of the individual instructor to define the precise quality and quantity of work expected from members in their classes, both graduate and undergraduate.

## Grading System

A four-point grading system is used to identify the quality of academic work. The grade of A carries 4.0 quality points per credit hour, B+ carries 3.5 points, B carries 3.0 points, C+ carries 2.5 points, C carries 2.0 points, D carries 1.0 points and F carries no points. A cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on all graduate work taken at the University is required for graduation.

Grades will indicate academic achievement as follows:

Grade	Quality Pts.	Evaluation
A	4.0	Excellent
B+	3.5	Very Good
B	3.0	Good
C+	2.5	Below Standard
C	2.0	Unsatisfactory
D	1.0	Poor; no credit toward degree allowed
F	0.0	Failure
AU	0.0	Audit; approved attendance without credit
I	0.0	Incomplete
IP	0.0	In Progress; used for grading on-going projects and independent studies; will be converted to letter grade upon completion

Grade	Quality Pts.	Evaluation
NR	0.0	Grade not reported by instructor
W	0.0	Withdrawal
WP/WF	0.0	Withdrawal Passing/ Withdrawal Failing
R	0.0	Repeated Grade; preceding a grade denotes that the course has been repeated
I_	0.0	Inactive Grade; "I" preceding a grade denotes that the grade is not calculated in the GPA and cannot be applied to the graduate program

The solitary symbol "I" denotes non-completion of course material for reasons beyond the student's control and is assigned only if the course deficiencies result from unavoidable circumstances. This symbol generally becomes a grade of F if the work is not made up prior to midsemester of the next full semester for which the student is enrolled, or at the end of one calendar year, whichever is earlier.

The symbol "W" denotes that the student officially withdrew from individual courses or from the University during the schedule adjustment period of the term or semester for which the courses were scheduled. (For specific dates, students should refer to the University's "Academic Calendar.") At the end of the schedule adjustment period, students may no longer withdraw from individual courses but must withdraw completely from the University to avoid receiving F grades. For students who withdraw completely from the University after schedule adjustment, the symbol "WP" (withdraw passing) or "WF" (withdraw failing) is assigned to each class to denote the student's achievement at the time of withdrawal. These grades are non-punitive, however, and will not be calculated in the student's grade point average.

## Auditing Courses

Full tuition and fees must be paid for audited courses. Audited courses may not be counted as part of the students' load, and may not be applied toward the completion of any program requirement or toward the master's degree. Changes in registration, to or from audit, are permitted only during the drop/add period. Students auditing courses are expected to attend classes or laboratories in accordance with the established class attendance policy. Students who do not attend class will receive a grade of "W."

## Repeating Enrollment

Excluding courses which may be repeated for additional credit, only one course may be repeated once within a student's degree program. Thus, while students may not receive credit more than once for courses which cover the same content, they may repeat one course in an effort to improve their grade point average. However, the last grade received for the course (whether that grade is higher or lower than the original grade) is used to compute the student's cumulative grade point average.

In some instances students may repeat special topics courses offered under like course codes if allowed by the department.

## Academic Standards

To remain in good academic standing, graduate students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 for all graduate courses. Students are allowed no more than six credits below a B in their program and, excluding courses that may be repeated for additional credit, are allowed to repeat only one course to improve their grade point average.

Students whose cumulative average falls below 3.0 will be placed on academic probation for a maximum of one calendar year and allowed nine semester hours, which includes a repeated course, to return their grade point average to 3.0. During probation students are dismissed if they do not improve their grade point average following each term they complete a class or it is determined they cannot return their grade point average to at least 3.0 by the conclusion of the nine semester hours or one calendar year. All students who return their grade point average to at least 3.0 during the probationary period will be returned to good academic standing. Students in graduate degree programs will be informed of probationary status or dismissal by the school dean or program director. Non-degree students will be informed of probationary status or dismissal by the provost.

In exceptional circumstances, students dismissed for academic deficiency may be considered for readmission to their graduate degree program or to another master's degree program. *In no case will such readmission for graduate study be granted prior to one calendar year following the term of dismissal.* These students must submit the application for readmission to the Admissions Office at least 90 days prior to the term for which admission is desired. A letter providing the reasons for lack of previous academic success and indicating why acceptable academic performance should be expected in the future must accompany each application. The director of the appropriate degree program will make the final readmission decision.

## Appeal Process

Students may appeal decisions made under the academic policies and regulations set forth in this catalogue. Prior to initiating the appeal process, students should confer with their faculty advisor/program director. The appeal process is initiated upon the written request of the student. A classroom-related appeal is heard first by the instructor. A program-related appeal is heard by the program director. The appeal process proceeds from instructor to program director to school dean to the provost, then finally to the president.

## Academic Integrity

**(ATTENTION: The Academic Integrity Policy in the Graduate Student Information section of the hardcopy of the 2001-2003 Undergraduate & Graduate Catalogue (pages**

**22-23) is incorrect. What follows on this Web version has been corrected. Please refer to the current edition of the *Student Handbook* for the details of the correct policy.)**

The foremost virtue upon which the academic life is based is integrity, a faithful and persistent pursuit of the truth. Integrity is a principle which permeates all the activities of the University and which guides the behavior of faculty, students and staff. The spirit of academic integrity denotes adherence to the precept that "one's work is one's own." The process by which integrity is upheld assumes clear communication of University expectations, standards and policies, and clear communication of students' and faculty's rights and responsibilities.

Academic misconduct is a breach of academic integrity which may include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Plagiarism—presenting as one's own work, whether literally or in paraphrase, the work of another.
2. Cheating on exams, tests and quizzes—the wrongful giving or accepting of unauthorized assistance, the giving or taking of unauthorized exam material and/or the use of illegitimate sources of information.
3. Illicit collaboration with other individuals in the completion of course assignments.
4. The use of fraudulent methods in laboratory, studio, field or computer work.
5. Other acts generally recognized as dishonorable which bear upon academic endeavors.

Procedures for handling cases of academic misconduct are listed in the *Student Handbook*.

## Graduate Financial Assistance

(See Financial Aid section for additional information.)

A limited amount of financial aid in the form of graduate assistantships from the University and scholarships from the Maryland State Scholarship Administration (Maryland residents only) is available each year to selected graduate students. The William D. Ford Direct Loan Program is available to students whose classification is a graduate master's degree or graduate non-degree seeking student and enrolled in at least six credit hours per semester. Graduate non-degree seeking students can only receive federal student aid for two semesters in this classification. Students applying for aid must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and indicate Salisbury University (title IV code of 002091) to receive the results. Students may also apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Information concerning such assistance may be obtained from the Financial Aid Office.

## Return of Title IV Funds Policy

The federal government's policy states that if a Title IV aid recipient (Direct Stafford Loan, Direct PLUS Loan, Carl Perkins loan, Pell Grant, SEOG) withdraws from the institution during a period of enrollment in which the recipient began attendance, the institution must calculate the percentage and amount of Title IV assistance the student did not earn and return those

funds to the Title IV programs. Once 60 percent of the enrollment period has elapsed, 100 percent of the aid is determined to be earned and no calculation is required. A refund worksheet is provided in Appendix C.

## Graduate Assistantships

Each year Salisbury University offers a number of graduate assistantships on a competitive basis. Information and application forms may be obtained from the Admissions Office, Registrar's Office, school deans or graduate program directors. Completed forms, including required supporting documents, should be returned to the appropriate dean(s) or graduate program director(s) as early as possible preceding the academic year or semester for which the appointment is sought.

All graduate assistants will be eligible to receive a salary and tuition waiver. Graduate assistants must enroll for a minimum of six credits, but no more than nine per semester will be covered by the tuition waiver. Tuition will be waived only for courses applicable toward master's degree requirements. The waiver of tuition does not include waiver of fees.

Assistantships are generally awarded for one semester, beginning in the fall, and may be continued in the spring semester, based on the recommendation of the dean, department chair or graduate program director.

## Graduate Tuition and Fees

Tuition for the 2001-02 school year, for graduate students classified as Maryland residents, is \$168 per credit hour. That for graduate students classified as out-of-state residents is \$336 per credit hour.

There is a facilities fee of \$4 per credit hour for all graduate students.

The following additional fees, usually non-recurring, are also applicable for most graduate students: admission to graduate study, \$30; on-campus parking fee (payable once annually between September 1 and August 31), \$20 to \$40. A penalty of \$25 is charged for late registration.

It should be noted that tuition and fees are subject to change without notice by action of the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland.

## Change of Name/Student Number

Students wishing to change or correct their name, Social Security number or other biographical information should contact the Registrar's Office for current policies and procedures.

## Change of Address

Students must keep the University apprised of changes to their permanent, billing and local addresses and telephones by notifying the Registrar's Office on a timely basis.

## Social Security Number

All students are asked to submit their Social Se-

curity number. International students are encouraged to file for a Social Security number although they are not eligible for Social Security benefits. The Social Security number is used as a student identifier in maintaining academic and financial records. This number is included on the student's photo identification card (ID), which is solicited in connection with various University-related athletics, social and cultural events. Blackwell Library and the Commons have electronic card readers and valid identification cards are required for the use of these facilities.

Students' disclosure of their Social Security number is voluntary. The student Social Security number is only released to agencies or individuals outside the University at the request of the student or in accordance with federal and state requirements in regard to financial aid awards, Internal Revenue Service for student employee salary reporting and state controller's debt collection procedure.

## Official Withdrawal and Refund Procedures

**Students are urged to note this information with care.** A graduate student who finds it necessary, after registration, to drop a part of his/her course load, or to withdraw from the University completely for that term, should in all cases complete the official drop or withdrawal form and submit it to the Office of the Registrar. This assures the student that any refund due will be processed automatically, and that the change of registration will become a matter of record.

Students failing to comply with regulations governing official withdrawal and/or dropping of courses will receive a grade of F for courses from which they withdraw or drop unofficially, and will forfeit all right to refunds which might otherwise be made.

Detailed procedures for official withdrawal from the University and official dropping of courses, including deadlines for submitting forms necessary for the disbursement of refunds, appear regularly in the *Registration Bulletin* published each term.

## Application for Diploma

It is the responsibility of the individual graduate student to check with his/her faculty advisor to make sure that all degree requirements have been fulfilled and to make the necessary arrangements with the Office of the Registrar for graduation.

Each degree candidate must make application for his/her diploma. The Application for Diploma is available in the Office of the Registrar and must be completed and returned to the Registrar's Office **not later than the end of the drop/add period of the final semester before graduation.** If the student fails to file the Application for Diploma by this deadline, graduation may be delayed one semester. Any student who finds it necessary to postpone graduation must submit a new Application for Diploma to the Office of the Registrar.

## Transcripts and Certification of Completion of Degree Requirements

Transcripts of graduate records and certification of the completion of degree requirements may be obtained by contacting the Registrar's Office. Certification of completion of degree requirements will be made only after all requirements are, in fact, completed and after the Application for Diploma is submitted. All financial obligations to the University must be met before a transcript is issued.

## Professional Certification

Requirements for the various teaching and administrative state certificates change from time to time and are determined by agencies other than the University. Therefore, the University cannot guarantee that a particular graduate program will automatically fulfill requirements for any of the various certificates available. Students seeking such certification are advised to consult a certification specialist within their state department of education or state board of nursing for information on the particular certification requirements they may wish to meet.

## Graduate Student Association

The Graduate Student Association helps to promote social, academic and professional opportunities for all graduate students at Salisbury University. The GSA also acts as a liaison between the Graduate Council (the administrative and graduate faculty governing body of graduate programs) and the graduate student body. The GSA works closely with the Graduate Council to promote quality programs and services for graduate students.

The Graduate Student Association at Salisbury University is a member of the National Association of Graduate and Professional Studies and the Association for the Support of Graduate Students. It is open to all graduate students at the University. The campus address is graduate study coordinator, Office of Admissions, Salisbury University, Salisbury, MD 21801. The e-mail address is [gsa@salisbury.edu](mailto:gsa@salisbury.edu). Information on GSA meetings, activities and services for graduate students is available.

## Graduate Council

The Graduate Council recommends academic policies and procedures to the administration of the University and serves as an advisory board to review appeals on matters concerning the interpretation of regulations governing graduate study and the degree programs as related to the University as a whole. The council approves all changes in the graduate curriculum, evaluates trends in graduate education and makes recommendations to the administration concerning the mission of graduate education and the utilization of resources within the University to meet the needs of its graduate constituency.

The Graduate Council consists of the University provost, the dean of enrollment management and the registrar or their designee (all ex officio); the program

director from each graduate program; two graduate faculty members at large, elected (one each year to a two year term) by the graduate faculty from a pool that excludes members of the schools housing the current at-large members; and one graduate student appointed by the University provost.

## **The Graduate Council**

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