students in graduate programs that require a thesis or dissertation; these students must be mentored by a Supervisory Committee (see section on Supervisory Committee).

**Academic Performance**

Every student who is admitted to a graduate program (degree or certificate) must meet all of the academic performance requirements listed in this section. In order to conform with previous policies of the Graduate College on academic performance, the semester grade point average (GPA) requirement is effective beginning with the Fall 2003 semester and the determination of academic notice disregards earlier semesters and summer sessions.

**Semester GPA Requirement** A student who is admitted to a graduate program is required to achieve a semester grade point average (semester GPA) of 3.0 or better each and every semester or summer session in which he or she is enrolled through program completion. If a student fails to meet the semester GPA requirement and the failure is the first occurrence since admission to the program, the student will be placed on academic notice by the Graduate College but will be allowed to continue in the program. If a student fails to meet the semester GPA requirement and the failure is the second occurrence since admission to the program, the student will be dismissed from the program by the Graduate College. The semester GPA requirement is null for those semesters or summer sessions where none of the credits taken by the student are applicable to the GPA calculation.

**Program GPA Requirement** A student who is admitted to a graduate program is required to list on the Application for Admission to Candidacy form (for a degree program) or the Proposed Plan of Study for a Graduate Certificate form (for a certificate program) the specific courses to be applied to meet all of the credit requirements defined for the program. The program grade point average (program GPA) is the grade point average computed for this set of specific courses. If a student fails to achieve a program GPA of 3.0 or better, the student is ineligible for a degree or certificate and should consult the graduate program coordinator for advice and possible options.

**Individual Course Requirements** A student who is admitted to a graduate program cannot list a course on an Application for Admission to Candidacy form (for a degree program) or a Proposed Plan of Study for a Graduate Certificate form (for a certificate program) if the course is graded lower than C or P, except that an undergraduate course, a G-designated course, or a transfer course cannot be listed if it is graded lower than B. If the grade for a specific course that is required by the program is too low to be listed on the Application for Admission to Candidacy form or the Proposed Plan of Study for a Graduate Certificate form, and if that grade cannot be improved under the course repetition policy (see Repetition of Courses below), then it is not possible for the student to complete the program requirements and he or she will be dismissed from the program by the Graduate College.

**Repetition of Courses**

**Repetition to Improve a Grade** A graduate student who has completed a graduate course for credit may attempt to repeat that course to improve the grade, but only once and only with the written approval of the graduate program coordinator. Certain graduate courses cannot be repeated to improve a grade, including 590 Practicum/Internship, 591 Project, 592 Portfolio, 593 Thesis, 686 Master’s Preliminary Examination, 687 Doctoral Preliminary Examination, 690 Master’s Comprehensive Examination, 691 Doctoral Comprehensive Examination, and 693 Dissertation. If an attempt to repeat a course to improve a grade results in a grade of W or CW, an additional attempt is not permitted unless extenuating circumstances can be documented that are clearly beyond the control of the student. For regulations governing repetition of undergraduate courses please refer to the undergraduate catalog.

A course that has been completed more than once in an attempt to improve a grade can be listed only once on the Application for Admission to Candidacy form (for a degree program) or the Proposed Plan of Study for a Graduate Certificate form (for a certificate program); the listed semester and grade must be for the most recent completion for credit. All course registrations on record beyond published drop dates for each semester or session appear on the student transcript and GPA computations are carried out according to Boise State University Policy Manual, BSU Policy 2200. In order to conform with previous policies of the Graduate College on course repetition to improve a grade, a graduate student may not repeat a Boise State course to improve a grade of F if the course was initially completed prior to the start of the Fall 2003 semester.

**Repetition for Credit** The university-wide graduate course numbers and some departmental courses (such as MUS 563 Major Instrument Pedagogy I and MUS 564 Major Instrument Pedagogy II) are associated either with specifically defined efforts by an individual student or with content characteristics that can change from semester to semester. These courses and others like them may be repeated for credit and listed multiple times by a graduate student on his or her Application for Admission to Candidacy form (for a degree program) or Proposed Plan of Study for a Graduate Certificate (for a certificate program) form subject to all approvals and limitations of the graduate program and the Graduate College.

**Transfer Credit**

Transfer credit is academic credit that is awarded to a student by another college or university and is approved for application to the requirements of a graduate certificate or degree at Boise State University. Transfer credit must satisfy the following restrictions:

1. Transfer credit must be academic credit representing a grade of A or B awarded by a regionally accredited U.S. college or university or by a non-U.S. institution of higher education that is approved for transfer purposes by the Registrar; continuing education units (CEU) and other non-academic credits are ineligible for transfer credit.

2. Culminating activity courses, courses where the grade is based only on attendance, and courses representing experiential learning, regardless of the level (undergraduate or graduate), are ineligible for transfer credit.

3. Credit applied to meet the requirements of a previously earned degree of any type at another institution is ineligible for use as transfer credit. The only exception is that credit applied to a previously earned master’s degree at another institution may be applicable as transfer credit to a doctoral degree.

4. Application of transfer credit must be approved by the academic unit responsible for the graduate program.

The maximum transfer credit that can be applied to meet the requirements of a graduate certificate or degree is limited by the fundamental requirement that at least two thirds of the total credit requirement for the degree or certificate must be earned at Boise