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 or Proposed Plan of Study for a Graduate Certificate 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
State University since admission to the program. An academic unit responsible for a particular graduate program may impose a more restrictive transfer policy (fewer allowed transfer credits) for that program. In the case of a cooperative graduate program offered by Boise State University and the University of Idaho and/or Idaho State University, a more liberal transfer policy (more allowed transfer credits) is permissible, but only if the Graduate Council has approved a higher transfer credit limit for the program.

G-Courses and Dual-Listed Courses
A student enrolled in a G-course or a 500-level dual-listed course must complete all work required of students earning undergraduate credit (in the corresponding non-G-course or 400-level dual-listed course) plus substantial work at the graduate level. The Graduate College strictly limits the application of G-courses to no more than one third of the total credit requirement of a graduate certificate or degree. Furthermore, the Graduate College recommends that the applicable credit earned in G-courses and 500-level dual-listed courses together should not exceed one half of the total credit requirement of a graduate certificate or degree. The academic unit responsible for a graduate program may further restrict the application of G-courses and 500-level dual-listed courses.

Application of Credit Already Applied to a Graduate Certificate
A graduate certificate is viewed by some academic units as an intermediate accomplishment or stepping stone between a baccalaureate degree and a master’s degree (see Regulations for Graduate Certificate Programs). The Graduate College therefore allows graduate credit (but not undergraduate credit) earned at Boise State University and previously applied to meet the requirements of a Boise State graduate certificate to also be applied to meet the requirements of a Boise State master’s degree. This process is known as dual application and is subject to the following stipulations: 1) the dual application of credit must be consistent with those policies of the master’s program that may limit or preclude such application; 2) all time constraints imposed by the Graduate College that govern the applicability of the credit must be met (including the requirement that at least two thirds of the total credit requirement for the master’s degree must have been earned since admission to the master’s program); 3) the dual application of credit must be approved by the student’s advisor or by the chair of the supervisory committee. In no case may dual application of credit exceed one half of the total credit requirement for the master’s degree. The creation of analogous arrangements between graduate certificates and doctoral degrees is prohibited by the Graduate Council.

In-Service Teacher Education or Professional Education Workshop Courses
Credit earned for in-service teacher education or professional education workshop courses (for which a special low fee is charged by the university) cannot be applied to meet the credit requirements of a graduate certificate or degree program (see section V.R.3.a.x.(d) of the Governing Policies and Procedures of the Idaho State Board of Education).

Challenge Courses
If a graduate student requests the opportunity to challenge a course in a graduate program, the department offering the course will decide whether to grant that opportunity. Proctoring fees and/or per-credit fees may be charged by the department. For interdisciplinary courses, the decision will be made by the coordinator of the graduate program to which the course applies.

Graduate Credit Option for Undergraduate Students
An undergraduate student who is also a senior may request approval to enroll in a G-course or a 500-level course. The student must complete a Permit for Seniors to Take Graduate Courses. The student may request permission to earn graduate credit (option I) or upper-division undergraduate credit (option II) for a given course, but cannot request both options.

Graduate Credit [Option I] Graduate credit earned under a Permit for Seniors to Take Graduate Courses does not imply that the student will be admitted to a graduate program at Boise State University. If the student completes courses for graduate credit while a senior and is later admitted to a graduate program at Boise State University, the responsible academic unit has the authority to decide which courses (if any) completed as a senior can be applied to the credit requirements of the program. The academic unit also has the authority to define a maximum number of applicable credits of this type for the program, but the maximum cannot exceed one third of the total credit requirement.

Upper-Division Undergraduate Credit [Option II] The student may apply up to two successfully completed 500-level courses to his or her upper-division credit requirement for a baccalaureate degree.

Other Limitations Undergraduate students may not enroll in 600-level courses. Courses offered as part of the Master of Business Administration program are excluded from enrollment by all undergraduate students. Students admitted by the Graduate College to work on an accelerated master’s degree are not governed by a Permit for Seniors to Take Graduate Courses, but are subject to course limitations imposed by the Graduate College and by the participating academic unit or units.

Admission to Candidacy
Admission to candidacy is a critically important process required of all students enrolled in graduate degree programs. The candidacy process serves as the official review by the Graduate College of the detailed plan of study for a graduate student. This official review allows the Graduate College to identify degree requirements and graduate regulations that may have been overlooked or misinterpreted by the student or anyone providing advice to the student. If left undetected and uncorrected too long, these shortcomings can seriously delay progress toward a graduate degree. The candidacy process also helps the Graduate College update the student’s academic advisement report and enables the university to fulfill its obligations to accrediting organizations. Because of the importance of the candidacy process, a student who has not been admitted to candidacy cannot participate in a final oral examination or apply for graduation.

Candidacy Requirements for a Master’s Student A master’s student may be admitted to candidacy if the student is in regular status and has completed a set of courses sufficient to satisfy at least half of the total credit requirement with individual course grades of C or better and a GPA of at least 3.0 (computed for the set of courses).

Candidacy Requirements for a Doctoral Student A doctoral student may be admitted to candidacy if the student is in regular status, has passed the comprehensive examination, has satisfied