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POLICY Graduate Degree Completion and Graduation

1. Purpose

This policy ensures the requirements for the awarding of academic degrees of graduate degrees, applications for degrees and certifications of degree completion are conducted in a manner that is consistent with university standards, and with appropriate integrity, consistency, and fairness.

2. Scope of Application

This policy applies to all graduate degrees at Zayed University.

3. Policy

A master's degree may be awarded only to students who have satisfied the credit-hour requirements for a specific degree, the Grade Point Average requirements, and other established degree-specific requirements based on all applicable university policies and procedures.

- **3.1** The minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) required for a master's degree is 3.00.
- **3.2** Students have to satisfy the degree requirements for their specific program as specified in the Zayed University Catalog.
- **3.3** Degrees are awarded at the end of each academic semester: Fall, Spring, and Summer.
- **3.4** The official date of a degree award is the final day of the academic semester including the exam week as specified in the Academic Calendar.
- **3.5** The Deanship of Graduate Studies certifies degree completion and degree awards.

4. Related Policies and Laws

ACA-GRA-202 Academic Progress in Graduate Programs ACA-GRA-206 Grading in Graduate Programs

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5. Administration

This policy is administered by the Deanship of Graduate Studies.

6. Revision History

Date	Revision	
20 February 2023	President's Decision issued (PD#20 of 2023).	
1 February 2023	Endorsed by the Executive Committee (Meeting #4 of 2023).	
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