

**GRADUATE COUNCIL  
REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION  
May 26, 2020**

**To Be Adopted**

**COVID-19 Response Temporary Modification to UCR Graduate Regulation (GR) 1.5.7 governing graduate course withdrawals offered in Spring Quarter 2020 only**

**PRESENT**

**PROPOSED**

**GR1.5.1** A study list is a student's choice of courses to be pursued in any quarter.

No change.

**GR1.5.2** At the beginning of each quarter every student is required to file with the Graduate Division his/her detailed study list bearing the approval of the graduate adviser.

No change.

**GR1.5.3** A student is expected to make normal progress toward his/her credential or Degree objective. The maximum number of quarters in which students may be considered to be full-time is: 8 quarters for elementary and secondary credential students, 10 for special credential students, 7 for Master's students, 9 for M.F.A. students, and 20 for Ph.D. students.

No change.

**GR1.5.4** After the study list is filed, a student may request changes in courses by formal petition.

No change.

**GR1.5.5** A change in the study list must be approved by the graduate adviser and, in the case of a course to be added or dropped, by the instructor concerned.

No change.

**GR1.5.6** Courses may be added to the study list until the end of the third week of instruction. No course may be added after that time without approval of the Graduate Dean.

No change.

**GR1.5.7** Courses may be dropped at any time prior to the end of the fifth week of instruction. If the adviser or instructor withholds approval of a petition to drop a course, the student may appeal to the Graduate Dean.

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**GR1.5.8** With approval of the Graduate Dean, students may withdraw from the University at any time prior to the end of instruction.

No change.

**GR1.5.9** Any changes in a student's study list not covered by the above regulations must have the approval of the Graduate Dean. No change.

**GR1.5.10** In order to take a course in Directed Studies (290), a student must complete a petition stating the content of the course, the number of units, and the reason he/she needs to take such a course. The petition must have the written approval of the instructor and of the department Chair or graduate adviser, and it must then be filed with the office of the Dean of the Graduate Division. (En 7 Apr 72) No change.

**Statement of Purpose and Effect:**

**In response to COVID-19 challenges, the proposed temporary modifications to UCR Graduate Regulation 1.5.7 governing graduate course withdrawals will provide graduate students with more flexibility, allowing courses to be dropped before the end of the eighth full week (as opposed to the end of the fifth week) with no indication entered on the permanent transcript.**

**This modification is applicable for graduate courses offered in Spring Quarter 2020 only.**

Prepared by Jason Stajich (Chair, Graduate Council) for Review by the Senate Executive Council, relevant Senate committees, and College Executive Committees.

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Approvals

Graduate Council: April 1, 2020

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction finds the wording to be consistent with the code of the Academic Senate: April 2, 2020

Approved by Executive Council in Lieu of the Division: April 6, 2020