

The Academic Policies Committee met on Tuesday, November 10, 2009. The members discussed proposed language changes for non-matriculated status to be included in the Graduate Bulletin. The discussion for the rationale for the change included the range of credits needed to complete an endorsement or certification program. Endorsement or certification programs range from 12 credits to 24 credits. Currently, some students may be half to three-quarters the way through their program before matriculating. Therefore, the committee unanimously supported the following proposed language.

Proposed language:

Except where limited by individual graduate degree programs, a student who is interested in taking credit courses but who is not presently working toward a degree may enroll as a non-matriculated student. An application for non-matriculated status (NMAT) status is required, and registration for classes is on a space-available basis.

For a graduate degree program, normally no more than 9 graduate credits may be attempted in non-matriculated status though some programs may set lower limits. Note that all grades and notations (such as W) count as an attempt. To register beyond the program limit, the non-matriculant must apply and be admitted as a matriculated student.

For a graduate certificate or endorsement program, normally no more than 6 graduate credits may be attempted in non-matriculated status though some programs may set lower limits. Note that all grades and notations (such as W) count as an attempt. To register beyond the program limit, the non-matriculant must apply and be admitted as a matriculated student.

Note that degree and certificate programs may require either undergraduate or other graduate courses as prerequisites. Further, courses that a student anticipates transferring but be “current”, meaning that you must have completed the courses at other institutions within the past four years. Stockton/faculty staff also reserve the right to evaluate courses completed within the last four years for currency.

*Non-matriculated students are not eligible for financial aid or graduate assistantships, nor are they eligible to live in on-campus housing.*

Though a non-matriculated student is expected to have a strong academic record, a non-matriculated student does not automatically qualify for matriculation after completion of course work in non-matriculated status. Evaluation of the student will include satisfactory completion of work taken as a non-matriculant. Additional information concerning educational background may be required. Letters of recommendation, transcripts from all colleges attended, test scores and other application materials will be reviewed as part of the admission process.