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Spring 2023 Graduate Faculty Meeting

- April 6 @ 11:30

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Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **College of Graduate Studies Updates**
  - Report on programs & workshops
  - Recruiting & admissions updates
  - Graduate policy changes
  - Updating graduate faculty requirements
  - Starfish
  - Doctoral commencement
- **Q&A**

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- **Academic Leadership**
  - Meredith Bond, Interim Dean
  - Bill Kosteas, Executive Associate Dean
- **Office Coordinator- Shandra O'Dell**
- **IT Support- Chris Pokorny (shared with Office of Research)**
- **Graduate Student and Faculty Services (GSFS)**
  - Veronica Hill, Graduate Student & Faculty Services Director
  - Kyle Reynolds, Graduate Student Success Coordinator
- **Admissions & Recruiting**
  - Michael Hollenbaugh, Director of Graduate Admissions & Diversity Initiatives
  - Marquita Rodgers, Graduate Recruitment Coordinator

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Programming Updates

- **Spring 2023 Workshop Summary:**
  - 10 Workshops for Students and 2 Workshops for Faculty Being Hosted
  - 9 Student Workshops Hosted So Far with 138 Total Attendees and 105 Unique Students Attending
  - 67 Master's Students, 37 Doctoral Students, and 1 Post-doc
  - 69 International Students and 36 Domestic Students
  - Attendees from All Colleges except Law
  - Top Programs: 18 Students from Computer Science, 12 Students from Mechanical Engineering, 12 Students from Electrical Engineering

Programming Updates

- **Workshop Topics:**
  - Career Sessions on LinkedIn; Making Career Transitions; Networking in Graduate School; and Salary Negotiation (offered next week)
  - Research Sessions on How to Earn Grants and Three Minute Thesis Preparation
  - Professional Development: Establishing Work, Life, and School Balance; and Staying Motivated with Writing Projects
  - Teaching Assistant Sessions on TA Strategies in the Classroom and Crafting a Diversity Statement
  - Faculty: Supervising Theses and Dissertations Part II and Best Practices for Graduate Admissions (offered next week)

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Programming Updates

- **2023 Three Minute Thesis Competition:**
  - 11 Presenters from 8 Different Academic Programs
- **Graduate & Professional Student Appreciation Week (April 3-7):**
  - 10 Events Hosted During Week by College of Graduate Studies, GPSA, and Division of Campus Engagement, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
- **Spring Graduate Student Orientation Modules on Blackboard:**
  - 387 Active Users
  - 77% of New Graduate Students Reviewed the Online Modules
- **Upcoming Finals Week Event**

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Graduate Networking Social

TUESDAY,
MAY 2

5:30 -7:30 PM

STUDENT CENTER
ATRIUM

GRADUATE NETWORKING SOCIAL

Join us for an evening of live music, refreshments, and great conversation!

- Learn about CSU's 150+ graduate programs
- Meet program faculty and staff
- Grow your professional network
- Find out about graduate assistantships and scholarship opportunities

Invest in your academic and professional career. You deserve it.

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Register Here

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March 21st Lunch and Learn
Thinking about Graduate School

Lunch & Learn

- 75% of students felt grad school questions were answered at the event! This can be attributed to our informative panelists' presentation and active Q&A session

- All students shared they are considering CSU for grad school and almost half find it extremely likely

- Over 90% of attendees would recommend this event to a friend thinking about grad school

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Slate Updates

- Slate Application open through
- Committee Review Process
- Application Deferrals
- SpanTran, WES, & ECE accepted transcript evaluators
- Departments can choose to pay evaluation fees
- Automatic communication flow available post admission

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Review Admission Criteria

- GRE waived (Masters Only) - Last Graduate Council Extension though Summer 2025
- Review all admission requirements and application materials
- Coming soon! - New Curriculog admission criteria update form

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Application Fee

- Permanently removed for all programs
- Excludes The College of Law
- Excludes Centralized Application System (CAS) Programs

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Duolingo

- Duolingo is now an approved test of English language proficiency.
- The table provides cutoffs for admission and TA assignment.

Test / purpose	A - admission	C – concurrent course	R- released from requirements
TOEFL	78 (17 minimum in any section)	22 minimum in speaking section	26 minimum in speaking section
IELTS	6.0 overall	6.5 minimum in speaking section	7.0 minimum in speaking section
ITEP-Academic	3.8	3.9	4.0
Duolingo	105	115 (Combination of Conversation and Production)	120 (Combination of Conversation and Production)
PTE	50	55	70
SPEAK	N/A	45	50

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GA contracts

Students receiving a GA with scholarship and working 15 or 20 hours per week must remain enrolled in a minimum of 9 credit hours per semester

New - Students receiving a GA with scholarship and working 10 hours per week must remain enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester

Applicable enrollment requirements must be maintained throughout the contract period for the academic term specified

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Transfer Credit

Courses with S grades may be transferred to CSU if the department demonstrates it is standard in their discipline for the course to be graded S/U. The program director should submit their justification of the course along with the transfer credit form for review.

Approved Graduate Credit Transfers are noted on student's transcripts with a TR in lieu of a grade and do factor into the GPA. To be eligible for transfer a student must have earned a grade of B or better.

Transfer credits are not applied to a student's transcript until they have earn 12 or more credits as a CSU graduate student and are in good standing.

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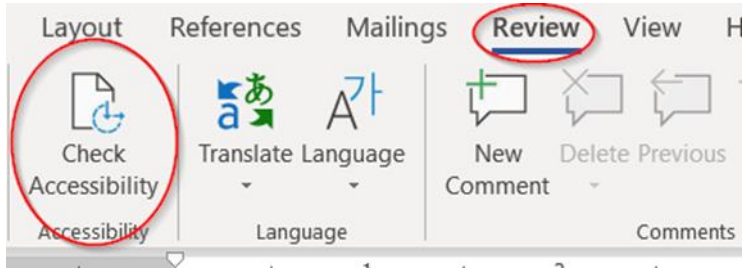
Thesis & Dissertation Formatting

- **Minimum Requirements for ETD PDFs in the OhioLINK ETD Center**
  - PDF file includes full text
  - PDF accessibility permission flag is checked
  - Text language of the PDF is specified
  - Figures and images include alternative text
  - PDF includes a title



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Thesis & Dissertation Formatting

- Compliance will be checked and enforced by the College of Graduate Studies as part of the format review.
- Recommend that students writing their manuscript in Word utilize the Accessibility Checker and Save as PDF, which will carry forward the accessibility formatting into the PDF file.
- Graduate Studies will also run an accessibility report on the PDF file. Students must correct issues before submitting to OhioLINK.
- *This is an OhioLink requirement.*

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Graduate Faculty Requirements

- *Our graduate faculty membership requirements are old and reflect the pre-2.0 college structures.*
- *In fall we will begin the process of updating graduate faculty membership requirements*
- *For now, we will continue to evaluate applications based on the existing criteria.*

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Starfish for Graduate Students

- **Starfish is being extended to our graduate population with the aim of improving retention and completion. Benefits of this implementation include:**
  - Connecting students with recourses
  - Tracking mid-term performance for graduate students
  - Facilitating communication between faculty and academic advisors
  - Providing for more timely interventions aimed at preventing academic dismissals
  - Collecting data to drive the development of programing
- **Implementation is on track to be active for the Fall 2023 term.**
- **More information, including training opportunities, will be forthcoming.**

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Doctoral Hooding Ceremony

- Friday, May 12 at 6 p.m. in the Waetjen Auditorim.
- Graduating doctoral students will be hooded during this Friday evening event. Doctoral students are also invited to participate in the ceremony on Saturday, May 13 at the Wolstein Center. Doctoral students who choose to attend the Saturday event will walk across the stage as an official doctor in their freshly-hooded regalia.

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Questions

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