



**Graduate Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 20, 2022, 12:00-1:30 pm**  
**[Zoom](#)**

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**AGENDA**

1. Welcome
2. Approve [September 15, 2022 Graduate Council](#) meeting minutes
3. Updates and announcements
  - a. Graduate assistant stipends
  - b. Elimination of drop penalty during first week of classes
  - c. Permitting multiple instructors for 799/898/899
  - d. Committee needed for the Mentoring Statements to review and provide feedback
4. Proposed policy changes for discussion
  - a. Graduate admission requirements [[Current Policy with new proposed language at end of document](#)]: provides exemption procedure for those not meeting bachelor's degree requirement
  - b. [English proficiency testing](#) exemption for applicants with degrees from institutions for which English is the exclusive language of instruction.
5. Ph.D. completion rates by race/ethnicity; discussion of possible initiatives to reduce and eliminate the completion gap
6. Future Discussion