



Graduate Council Meeting

March 13, 2024

10:00 - 11:30 am

[Zoom](#)

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AGENDA

1. Approval of [February meeting minutes](#)
2. Welcome and announcements
 - a. Open Forums
 - March 14, 3p ([Zoom only](#) - *umd.edu email required to join*): **Master's Students (co-hosted with Extended Studies)**. Master's students, particularly those in professional programs or those working full time while completing their degree program, are the focus of this session so we can better understand how we can improve the experience of these students, who are often on campus for a short period of time.
 - April 22, 1p (ESJ 0201, and Zoom): **International Graduate Students (co-hosted with the Office of International Affairs)**. International graduate students have a variety of unique issues that affect their student experience. Representatives from OIA, ISSS, and other international affairs offices will join this session to answer questions and hear your thoughts about improving the international graduate student experience.
 - April 30, 3p (ESJ 2204, and Zoom): **Graduate Student Housing (co-hosted with Division of Administration and Division of Student Affairs)**. Graduate student housing is a major concern for some of our students. This forum will provide an update on a new graduate housing project that will double UMD's graduate housing capacity in fall 2026, allow discussion about current graduate housing, and elicit feedback on a possible living-learning community idea for graduate students.
 - b. Graduate School Strategic Plan
3. Proposed policy discussions
 - a. [Time limitations](#): shift candidacy language to start of matriculation
 - b. Adjust "[Foreign Language Requirement](#)" to "World Language Requirement"
 - c. [Time away from Duties](#) language update



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- d. [Advancement to Candidacy](#) and Mid-Program Evaluation - Forms Handled by Registrar
 - e. [Approval of Committee](#) - Handled by Registrar
4. Future Discussion
- a. Online Professional Doctoral Programs
 - b. Immigrant origin students - President's Fellowships; etc. - Christina Getrich