graduate coordinator via the instructor who assigned it, together with a written statement of the instructor's opinion of the paper's authenticity. This requirement must be met prior to advancement to classified status.

b) Complete the verbal portion of the GRE General Test with a minimum score of 500. This requirement must be met prior to advancement to candidacy.

Health and Community Services
Students using the term "health" or "wellness" as part of an Interdisciplinary Studies degree title must have the program approved by the chair of the Department of Health and Community Services.

History
Students using 6 or more units of 600-level history course work in their program, or wishing to use the term "history" in the title of the thesis or degree, must have approval of the graduate coordinator in the Department of History.

Psychology
Students using 6 or more units of psychology course work, or wishing to use the terms "psychology" or "counseling" in the title of the thesis or degree, must have approval of the Department of Psychology.

Adancement to Candidacy:
In addition to the requirements listed above, the student must have completed the following:

- 1. Completion of an approved program consisting of 30 units of 400/500/600-level courses:
  a) A comprehensive core of units in the chosen disciplines.
  b) At least 18 of the units required for the degree in stand-alone 600-level courses (those not cross-listed with 400/500-level courses).
  c) Not more than 9 semester units of transfer and/or CSU, Chico Open University credit (correspondence courses and University of California extension course work are not acceptable).
  d) Not more than 15 units taken before admission to classified status.
  e) Not more than a total of 10 units of Independent Study (697), Comprehensive Examination (696), and Master's Study (699) combined; not more than 3 units of Comprehensive Examination (696) or 6 units of Master's Study (699).

- 2. Completion and final approval of a thesis, project, comprehensive examination, or other culminating activity as specified by the graduate advisory committee.

- 3. Satisfactory completion of a comprehensive final examination (written or oral) in the field of study.

- 4. Approval by the graduate advisory committee and the Graduate Council on behalf of the faculty of the University.

All requirements listed above are to be completed within seven years of the end of the semester of enrollment in the oldest course applied towards the degree.
Regulations Governing Graduate Students

In addition to reviewing policies and definitions included in this section, you may want to consult the "Academic Policies and Regulations" section of the University Catalog for information concerning general University policies that apply to all students. The Graduate School also offers a publication, the Graduate Student Guide to Graduate Study: Policies, Procedures, & Format, which gives additional information on planning a master's degree program, meeting all requirements, and writing a thesis.

Change in Classification

A change in classification is defined as advancement in the master's program from conditionally classified status to classified status, or from classified status to candidacy. Normally a change occurs after candidates have met all their undergraduate requirements and the change is initiated by the student with a request to the graduate coordinator.

Change of Discipline

You may change from one master's degree program to another through an application process in the Graduate School. Admission to one degree program does not insure admission to another, and you must satisfy all admission requirements of the new program in effect at the time of the change.

Multiple Degree Objectives

You may become a candidate for more than one graduate degree providing you complete separate programs of study in different graduate programs. No course may be counted towards a master's degree that has been counted towards any previous degree at any institution. An exception to this restriction is allowed for the terminal M.A. degree. Separate descriptions in this catalog can be consulted for more information. A student may not complete two master's degrees in the same discipline even though an academic department may offer various emphases within the field of study. Pursuing two graduate degrees concurrently requires approval of both departments.

You may also pursue both a master's degree and a second bachelor's degree concurrently. However, no course may be counted towards both objectives.

Continuous Enrollment

Students pursuing a master's degree must enroll each semester that the degree is awarded. Both enrollment as a regular student and adjunct enrollment satisfy this continuous enrollment requirement. (Special Session and Open University enrollments do not.) Adjunct enrollment consists of registration in GRST 899 through the Center for Regional and Continuing Education, for which an academic department may offer courses.

All Postbaccalaureate Students

Your cumulative grade point average in each of the following three categories: all course work taken at any accredited institution subsequent to admission to the master's program; all course work taken at CSU, Chico subsequent to admission to the program; and all courses taken in fulfillment of your approved program. Failure to maintain a 3.0 average in any category will result in academic probation in the master's program. Failure to remedy the deficiency within one semester following enrollment, or in any semester of enrollment in which either your Chico or cumulative grade point average remains below 2.0. If disqualified, you will not be allowed to continue in the University for at least a year and must be reenrolled and readmitted to return.

Disqualified students may take Special Session courses through the Center for Regional and Continuing Education but will not be allowed to take courses through the Open University program without special permission.

You may also become subject to academic disqualification while not on academic probation if your cumulative grade point average falls below 1.0 and the cumulative grade point average is so low that in view of your overall educational record, it seems unlikely that the deficiency will be removed within a reasonable period.

Postbaccalaureate Leave of Absence

If you are not in a master's degree program and you wish to break your enrollment in the University, you may not register in GRST 899 to maintain continuing status. Instead, credit, credential, and classified status in good standing may result in taking a leave of absence from your program for a maximum of two consecutive semesters. You must have been an enrolled student for the semester immediately preceding the leave, and submit your request no later than the fourth week of the first semester of the leave. The form to request a postbaccalaureate leave of absence is available from the Graduate School.

Maintaining Good Academic Standing

Graduate Students

A student admitted to a master's degree program must maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average in each of the following three categories: all course work taken at any accredited institution subsequent to admission to the master's program; all course work taken at CSU, Chico subsequent to admission to the program; and all courses taken in fulfillment of your approved program. Failure to maintain a 3.0 average in any category will result in academic probation in the master's program. Students disqualified from a master's degree program will not be allowed to enroll in any regular session of the University for at least one year, and must reapply and be admitted to a program in order to return to regular enrollment.

If your major department finds that you do not meet established criteria in the discipline, you will be terminated in that discipline upon receipt by your Graduate School of a written recommendation by your graduate coordinator requesting such termination.

All Postbaccalaureate Students

You will be placed on academic probation for any semester of enrollment in which either your CSU, Chico grade point average or your cumulative grade point average (which includes all transferred work) falls below 2.0 for all postbaccalaureate course work. While on academic probation, you will become subject to academic disqualification if at the end of a spring semester of enrollment either your Chico or cumulative grade point average remains below 2.0. If disqualified, you will not be allowed to continue in the University for at least a year and must be reenrolled and readmitted to return.

Graduate Coordinators

Each graduate program has a designated graduate coordinator who is responsible for reviewing applications, assisting students in developing programs of study, endorsing study lists, maintaining records of all students enrolled in the program, and supplying information requested by the graduate dean. The graduate coordinator for your discipline will be able to respond to specific program questions.