Admission of Graduate Students Transferring from Other Institutions with Their Major Professor
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1) If the majority of the degree requirements have been completed at another institution, the student will not be permitted to transfer to UC Davis if the institution in which the student is enrolled permits the student to complete his or her degree while finishing the remaining requirements at UC Davis.

2) All transfer graduate students must comply with University of California Senate regulations and in particular SR682, SR684, SR686 and SR726.¹

3) When a student has not completed the majority of the degree requirements for a Ph.D. at another institution, he or she will be permitted to complete the degree at UC Davis subject to the following requirements. The student must complete both the Ph.D. Qualifying Examination and the remaining research work at UC Davis. Credit obtained for work indicating superior scholarship at institutions of high standard other than the University of California may be accepted in fulfillment of approximately one-half of the minimum unit or course requirement for the Ph.D. degree in the chosen graduate program. However, these courses and units will not be transferred to the UC Davis transcript. Upon recommendation for admission, the Graduate Adviser will provide a report to the student and to the Dean of Graduate Studies that specifies which portion of the degree requirements previously met at another institution will be accepted in partial fulfillment of the graduate program requirements at UC Davis and those remaining degree requirements to be met at UC Davis.

4) When a student has not completed the majority of the degree requirements for a Master’s degree at another institution, he or she will be permitted to complete the degree at UC Davis subject to the following requirements. The student can obtain credit for work indicating superior scholarship at institutions of high standard other than the University of California for the fulfillment of approximately one-fifth of the minimum unit or course requirement for the Master’s degree. When such allowance is made it cannot be used to reduce the minimum requirement in strictly graduate (200) courses. Upon recommendation for admission, a Graduate Program will provide a report to the student and to the Dean of Graduate Studies on the transferable degree requirements to UC Davis, and those degree requirements that must be met at UC Davis.

¹ SR682: “no graduate student will be recommended for any degree except upon completing at least one year of residence at the University of California, devoted to such a course of study as the Graduate Council concerned regards as a proper year's work, and upon complying with such other regulations as may apply.”
SR684: “Candidates for degrees may, at the discretion of the Graduate Council concerned, be given credit for residence at other universities, provided at least three quarters (or two semesters) are passed in residence at this University.”
SR686: Regulations as to Residence and Length of Study “The minimum requirement is three quarters (or two semesters) for the Master's degree, nine quarters (or six semesters) for the degree of Juris Doctor, and six quarters (or four semesters) for the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Engineering.”
SR726: “Normally the entire program for the Master's degree must be completed in residence at the University of California. ...... In exceptional cases, credit obtained for work indicating superior scholarship at institutions of high standard other than the University of California may be accepted in fulfillment of approximately one-fifth of the minimum unit or course requirement for the Master's degree. When such allowance is made it cannot be used to reduce the minimum requirement in strictly graduate (200) courses”.