WELCOME!

Grad Advisor Meeting
September 15, 2020
Meeting will begin shortly.
Dr. Sarah Larsen
Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School Dept.
Graduate Enrollment

Compared to Fall 2019:
Overall, graduate enrollment is up 6% and special professional is up 2.6%.

New masters enrollment is up 33%!
Admissions Updates

CollegeNet Application - annual updates have been completed

- Test score questions
- Criminal background
- Other minor changes

- Temporary suspension of GRE test scores (available through spring 22 admissions); test score optional
If a program requires the GRE/GMAT, then the following question is part of the application. The waiver has been moved to the end of the question.
Test Score - optional

Program is GRE/GMAT **optional**- students are not required to submit their scores but they can if they would like to (it is up to the student)
Application for Graduate Admission

Mandatory Questions

- Have you ever been expelled, suspended, or placed on probation by any secondary school or college you have attended, for reason of academic dishonesty or because of an offense that harmed or had the potential to harm others? 
  - Yes ☐  No ☐

- Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense other than a minor traffic violation, or been found to be delinquent by a juvenile court, or are there such charges currently pending against you at this time? 
  - Yes ☐  No ☐

If you answered "Yes" to either of the questions above, enter your explanation here. Limit your response to no more than 50 lines of text.

Changed to optional question.
Default is that the question is not displayed.
Programs may request that this question be displayed.
Actions required

Please check the excel spreadsheet to make sure that the information entered is correct.

- **Check test score question** - there have been many changes due to the temporary suspensions of test scores and we want to make sure that the applications are accurate.

- **Criminal background/academic dishonesty history** - please let us know if you would like this question to be included and if so, how you will use the information in the admissions process.
FALL 2020 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

• DoctoralMastersNet- online professional development
• Leadership opportunity- GPSA is accepting applications for the executive committee (representation from each college)
• Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning (CIRTL)- programming will start this fall
• 3MT- 3 minute thesis- competition will be virtual this year
• Campus partners: University Career Services, Library, Writing Center, CAPS
• Dissertation Accelerator cohort model

• UH GS Web page: https://www.uh.edu/graduate-school/graduate-professional-and-personal-development/
Fall 2020 Cohort
• Deadline to apply 9/25
• Kick-off 9/30
• Bi-Weekly meetings
• Open to doctoral students in their writing stages of their dissertation
• Limited to 50 virtual seats
THECB ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW

• THECB requires that all graduate programs must be reviewed periodically.
• New cycle started in 2020 and will be a 10-year cycle (previously 7 year cycle)
• Doctoral programs- campus visit (can be virtual during pandemic)
• Masters programs-desk review
• Accredited programs- the accreditation documents are submitted in lieu of a separate review process.
UPDATES TO THE UH PROGRAM REVIEW PROCESS

Graduate School oversees the review process and initiates with a meeting with the Associate Dean and Department/program personnel responsible for the program review. Process ends when the required documents (self-study, review and institutional response) are submitted for upload to the THECB site.

Link to website:
https://www.uh.edu/graduate-school/academics/graduate-program-review/graduate-program-review1.php

Includes:
Instructions/best practices
Schedule for reviews
Required/optional documents
POLICY CHANGES

• Discontinue use of IP (In Progress) grades starting in Fall 2020. To view the changes in its entirety click Grading-Graduate Catalog

• Prepare for discontinuation of 4C rule in 21-22

• New Excused Absence Policy in effect

• Back to “normal” grading policies for Fall 2020 per the grad catalog
Shawn Washington
Assistant Director of Grad/Int’l Admissions.
Important Reminders

• Archiving SU/FA2020 Applications – Sept 28th

• Approximately, 170 applications pending a decision in CN. (app received, waiting materials, under review)

• No decision – Applications will be changed automatically to ”Withdrawn Status” in CN and withdrawal notification letters/emails released out applicants.
REMINDERS

• August 1st – Fall 2021 Recruitment Cycle
  - Review and test admission app’s.

• Help Desk (gradschool@uh.edu)
  CC: Me
## GENERAL INFORMATION SESSIONS

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Hello,

The College of Graduate and Professional Studies at Indiana State University will be hosting a Virtual Graduate Recruitment Fair on October 5th, 2020, from noon to 4 pm. Please consider registering for this event.

We are actively looking to connect Indiana State University students interested in or actively searching for graduate programs. We recognize the value of recruitment fairs and their ability and importance to providing you with quality candidates for jobs, internships, and more.

Every organization will receive the following access through Handshake's virtual career fair platform:
- Up to 15 representatives, each having access to hosting 6, 1:1 sessions per hour
- Up to 3, 30-minute group session slots that host up to 50 people
- Career Center support before and during the career fair
- Company promotion to students

If you have questions, you can respond to this email or call directly at 812-237-4363.
RECRUITMENT TIPS

• Coordinate Info Sessions together

• Split entry fees for recruitment events

• Bina Benavides, M.P.A. Program Manager, Graduate International/Admissions

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Upcoming Events

Chastynne Blacklock
Executive Assistant to Dr. Larsen & Events Coordinator
EVENTS

• Graduate Research Showcase (Virtual)
  - Competition scheduled for late October/early November
  - Training sessions will be held in October

• Spring 2020 Orientation (Virtual)
  - January 12, 2021