

# Program of Study, Candidacy, Application for a Degree

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## Program of Study

A Program of Study must be submitted to and approved by the Graduate School the semester prior to the semester in which a student intends to graduate. The submission date is defined as: the date the program of study is submitted to the Graduate School with all student, department, and college signatures. See "Dates, Deadlines, and Procedures (<http://coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/generalinfoandpolicies/proceduresummary/>)" for specific dates. The Program of Study will list all requirements that must be completed in order to receive the degree or certificate; this includes committee members.

If the requirements for the degree or certificate being sought change during a student's program, the student is entitled to follow those requirements in effect at the time of admission, or the student may elect to follow newer requirements.

## Candidacy for Doctoral Degrees

Admission to candidacy for doctoral degrees occurs after the student has passed a preliminary/qualifying examination that is usually administered early in the program; or when substantially all course work has been completed and the comprehensive examination has been passed.

Students seeking doctoral degrees must submit a Program of Study to the Graduate School upon completion of examinations, along with a letter verifying advancement to candidacy, noting the candidate's successful examination completion. See "Dates, Deadlines, and Procedures (<http://coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/generalinfoandpolicies/proceduresummary/>)" for specific dates. The Program of Study lists all requirements that must be completed in order to receive the doctoral degree.

## Application for a Degree

An application for graduation must be filed with the Graduate School. See "Dates, Deadlines, and Procedures (<http://coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/generalinfoandpolicies/proceduresummary/>)" for specific dates.

The application and a diploma processing fee of \$20 must be paid at this time. If the student does not complete requirements during this semester, an updated application must be submitted for the subsequent semester and a \$20 reprocessing fee paid to the Graduate School.

Degree applicants must submit all official transcripts to the Graduate School before applying for a degree. Official transcripts to be used for transfer of credits into a degree program must be received before the application for a degree will be processed.

Applications for degrees will not be processed without the prior approval of a Program of Study.