Policy Title:	Graduate Curricula
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SUMMARY:

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II. CCU's Expectations for Graduate Coursework

Graduate coursework is designed as in-depth, focused study in a discipline and/or as professional development.   Graduate courses require higher order thinking skills than their undergraduate counterparts. This is reflected in both the course requirements and student learning outcomes for a course.

III. Graduate Student Learning Outcomes

A.   Graduate students are expected to:

1.   Apply the methods and processes within the discipline to enhance and/or add new knowledge.
2.   Analyze, organize, and evaluate information in the discipline.
3.   Interpret and critique current literature in the discipline.
4.   Communicate, both orally and in writing, as a professional in the discipline.

VI. 400/500-Level (Graduate/Undergraduate) Courses

   A. Course Requirements for Graduate/Undergraduate Courses
      Graduate course requirements must go beyond those of the undergraduate courses and include at least three of the following:

      1. Advanced readings and/or critiques of current literature.
      2. Tests that require higher order thinking.
      3. Rigorous assignments such as a research papers and/or projects.
      4. Advanced research projects/activities.
      5. Additional academic experiences with the faculty member.

V. Syllabus Requirements for New Graduate/Undergraduate Courses

   When proposing a new course to Graduate Council where the course will/may be taught in conjunction with an undergraduate course, the syllabi for both the graduate course and the undergraduate course must be submitted.