

to graduate in absentia should complete the appropriate information on the degree application.

## TRANSFER CREDIT

Upon recommendation of the adviser and with permission of the department/school, a maximum of six semester hours may be transferred from a regionally accredited institution. Only courses completed at an NCATE/CAEP-accredited institution will be considered for transfer credit by the School of Education. All transfer credits must be verified by an official transcript from the institution at which the graduate study was undertaken.

No graduate course work may be transferred to FMU for which grades lower than B are achieved, and grades transferred from other institutions will not be included in the student's grade point average at FMU. No credit will be transferred for correspondence courses or courses taught on a pass/fail or satisfactory/unsatisfactory grading scale. Grades of S, U, P, or F will NOT be accepted.

Professional Development Courses (EDPD courses), whether taken at FMU or at another institution, cannot be applied toward the M.Ed. or M.A.T. programs (see page 222).

## TRANSIENT CREDIT

An FMU student desiring to take courses at some other institution either during the summer session or the regular session and wishing to have courses transferred back to FMU to apply toward a degree must have in advance the approval of his/her adviser or department chairperson or school dean, and the Registrar before registering for the courses.

All transient credit must be from a regionally accredited institution and must be verified by an official transcript from the institution at which the graduate study was undertaken. A maximum of six semester hours may be transferred from a regionally accredited institution upon recommendation of the adviser and with permission of the department/school. No graduate coursework may be transferred to FMU for which grades lower than B are achieved. Grades of S, U, P, or F will NOT be accepted. The grades earned in courses at other institutions will not be included in the student's grade point average at FMU. Only those students who are in good academic standing (that is, those with cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or above) can be approved to take courses at other institutions. No credit will be transferred for correspondence courses or courses taught on a pass/fail or satisfactory/unsatisfactory grading scale. Forms are available in the Office of the Registrar.

It is the student's responsibility to have an official transcript sent to the Office of the Registrar upon completion of the course(s) but no later than one month prior to the date he/she is scheduled to complete degree requirements.

## AUDITING COURSES

A graduate student admitted to FMU as either a graduate degree student or a graduate non-degree student may elect to audit one or more graduate courses. Audited courses do not carry credit, but any courses audited are noted on the student's official University record. Audited courses are considered part of the course load of graduate students in determining overload approval but may not be used to satisfy any prerequisite for a graduate course or any requirement for financial assistance (for instance, the determination of full-time status).

Students who audit a course should adhere to the class policies including attendance. Students who do not adhere to the stated policies may be dropped from the course for not attending.

No credit may be established for an audited course by an examination subsequent to the auditing of the course.

Audited courses are charged at the same rate as courses taken for credit. Changes from audit to credit are not permitted after the regular change of schedule period has ended. Change from credit to audit is permitted after change of schedule period has ended only if the student is doing passing work in the course and only upon the approval of the Provost.

## CLASS ATTENDANCE POLICIES

It is the responsibility of the student to attend all scheduled meetings in the courses in which he/she is enrolled. If a student is absent more than twice the number of required class or laboratory sessions per week during regular semesters or more than 15 percent of required sessions during accelerated semesters, a grade of F or W will normally be assigned, unless absences have been excused for cause by the instructor.

Individual instructors may choose alternative requirements for attendance. It is the responsibility of the instructor to inform students, at the beginning of each course, of all attendance policies. The instructor, at his/her discretion, may utilize a warning of excessive absences or compulsory attendance. Attendance policies will be outlined on the class syllabus.

If a student violates the stated attendance policy, the instructor will notify the Office of the Registrar to drop the student from the class with the appropriate grade.

It is the responsibility of a student to make up work missed because of absence from announced tests and laboratory sessions. However, announced tests and laboratory sessions may be made up only at the discretion of the instructor.

## DROPPING COURSES

Graduate students may drop courses through the last day of classes for any term (students may not drop classes on Reading Day or during examinations). A student who drops a course(s) after completion of one-third of the semester receives in each course a grade of W or F based on his/her academic average at the time of withdrawal.

## WITHDRAWING FROM THE UNIVERSITY

Complete withdrawals must be initiated by the student at the Registrar's Office. A Complete Withdrawal Grade Report will be completed. Failure to file the Complete Withdrawal Grade Report Form with the Registrar's Office may result in the grade(s) of F for the course(s). A student who withdraws from the University after completion of one-third of the semester receives in each course a grade of W or F based on his/her academic average at the time of withdrawal.

The effective date of a student's complete withdrawal from the University will be the date that the student initiates the withdrawal and a Complete Withdrawal Grade Report Form is filed.

## COURSE LOAD

A full-time course load for graduate students is six or more semester hours during a regular semester and six semester hours during any summer term.

A full-time course load for graduate students is three or more semester hours during the Late Spring Term.

Off-campus courses (transient or correspondence) and any resulting overload must be approved prior to enrolling in the course(s).

The maximum load for a graduate student during a regular fall or spring semester is 12 hours, except for Physician Assistant students who may take up to 18 hours in any semester with permission of the department.