1.0 POLICY

Grant MacEwan University shall confer Ministry approved credentials to qualifying students at Convocation Ceremonies following successful completion of all institutional and program requirements.

2.0 SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS

2.1 This policy applies to all Ministry approved credentials offered by the University: certificates, diplomas, post-diploma certificates, applied degrees, and baccalaureate degrees as defined in the Credentials policy.

2.2 The Graduation Grade Point Average (GGPA) is calculated by dividing the sum of all grade points achieved and counted towards a program credential by the sum of all those credits.

2.3 Program time limits established as per policy Program Time Limits, are calculated from the first day of the term to which the student is accepted into any given program.

3.0 REGULATIONS

3.1 The Provost and Vice President Academic is responsible for this policy.

3.2 The Office of the University Registrar is responsible for administration of this policy.

3.3 To fulfill program graduation requirements and earn a Ministry approved credential the following must occur:

3.3.1 Students must successfully complete all program and course requirements of an approved program of study.

3.3.2 Students must achieve a minimum grade of D per course as indicated in the calendar in compliance with academic policies. For courses where a minimum course grade higher than D is required to fulfill graduation requirements for a specific program, these requirements will be specified in the program of study and/or published in program regulations.

3.3.3 Students must achieve a minimum GGPA of 2.00 on the 4.00 scale. For the Bachelor of Arts Honours program, students must achieve a minimum GGPA of 3.00 on the 4.00 scale.
3.3.4 Students must fulfill all program and institution regulations as indicated in the calendar and in compliance with academic policies.

3.3.5 Students must be in good academic standing according to policy Academic Standing.

3.3.6 Students must meet the academic residency requirement for their program. The normal requirement is that students complete at least 50% of program credits through MacEwan University. Exceptions are not available to students on an individual basis. However, program-by-program variances to the residency requirement may be approved by General Faculties Council.

3.4 The program and institution regulations indicated in the calendar for the academic year in which the student is accepted into a program will govern fulfillment of clause 3.3.4.

3.5 In baccalaureate programs with majors and minors, graduation requirements are governed by the date on which a student declares a major or minor. When a student declares a major or minor on or prior to the last date for withdrawal without academic penalty from course requirements in the Winter term, the graduation requirements for the current academic year will apply. When a student declares a major or minor after the last date for withdrawal from courses without academic penalty in the Winter term, the graduation requirements for the upcoming academic year will apply. If a student is required to withdraw from a major or minor due to failure to fulfill the requirements of the major or minor, the requirements of the new major or minor will apply.

3.6 The University establishes the minimum number of credits to fulfill each credential type as specified in the Credentials policy.

3.7 Programs may establish regulations that stipulate additional graduation standards and requirements. These requirements must be approved by the Dean of the program concerned, the Provost and Vice President Academic, and the University Registrar. The University shall publish these requirements in the calendar.

3.8 Non-program students who complete program courses required for a Ministry approved credential are ineligible to receive that credential unless they have been admitted to the program by meeting all program admission criteria in addition to fulfilling all graduation requirements as per 3.3.
FACT SHEET

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Graduation

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RELATED POLICIES:
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