Graduate and Professional Bulletin

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Functions and Organization of the Graduate School

The purpose of the Graduate School is to promote high quality education and specialized training and to further the scholarly research and creative artistry with which such education is intimately linked. The advanced study necessary for graduate degrees requires the discovery of new knowledge, the original application or adaptation of existing knowledge, or esthetic contribution to the culture. Accordingly, graduate students perform research or do artistic work. Similarly, the faculty who are responsible for graduate education are themselves researchers or artists whose responsibilities include the transmission of their own creative skills and abilities to their students. The graduate educational mission of CSU and the research/artistic mission of CSU complement and reinforce each other and go forward in mutual interdependence.

Through the offering of the best graduate education available, CSU seeks to provide the skills and training necessary to a rapidly changing society and also to provide the basis for individual gratification and fulfillment on the part of its graduates.

Graduate degrees are awarded by CSU as an overall institution. Accordingly, CSU has specified that certain academic practices and procedures shall apply to all graduate degrees regardless of the departments and colleges in which study is undertaken. As is the case in most quality universities, some consistency of requirements has been found desirable. The Graduate School is the unit which applies and administers these requirements.