GRADUATE PLACEHOLDER POLICY

Graduate placeholder courses are available to graduate students in certain situations where their enrolled unit load does not represent the amount of work they are required to complete toward their graduate degree within a given term. There are several different placeholder courses available to students in the situations shown below.

Graduate students needing placeholder units to supplement their enrollment should contact their program director to be added to the permission list so they can register themselves for the course before the end of the Add/Drop schedule adjustment period.

Placeholder unit courses will be graded SW UX (count as an attempt, but no credit is earned). These units will be reported to the National Student Loan Gearinghouse so the student will be considered half-time or full-time at Towson (based on our definitions); and if they have previous federal student loans, they will not go into repayment.

Placeholder Types:

DISSERTATION /THESIS/CAPSTONE PROJECT COURSES

Graduate students who are completing a dissertation, thesis or capstone project as part of their program are required to enroll in a Thesis/ Dissertation/ Project course. Typically, students in mast programs complete one term (6 units) or two terms (3 units each) of thesis or project courses. Students in doctoral programs complete between 12 24 units of dissertation (or 7 units of thesis) spread over multiple terms. The classes are graded as Satisfactory/ Unsatisfactory or In Progress, and will qualify for additional units to achieve half or full-time status. The students will be eligible for a placeholder class (OGSR G92 for 3 units) that is non-billable and ________.

Graduate students who need more than one or two terms to finish their dissertation

SPECIAL NOTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

Graduate international students on F-1/