

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY  
Academic Senate

**Resolution Affirming the Current HSU Catalog Description of Minimum Grade Requirements  
for Graduate Programs**

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**FIRST READING**

**Resolved:** That no grade below B- counts as a passing grade when meeting requirements for the Master's Degree; and be it further

**Resolved:** That current students may elect to complete their program with the minimum grade requirements as stated in the HSU Catalog in force the year that they were admitted. Where there were conflicts in the catalogs through 2010/2011 with two or more different standards, the student will be required to meet the standards set by the program; and be it further

**Resolved:** That programs may establish higher standards than the campus-wide minimum B-.

***Rationale:***

At its meeting on August 30, 2010, the Graduate Council affirmed the minimum grade policy as currently stated in both the *HSU Catalog* and the *HSU Policy Handbook for Master's Students*. This minimum grade level is reflected in the current Graduate Handbook which states, "Grading standards are more demanding at the graduate level than at the undergraduate level. While some programs have even more strict standards, the University standard requires master's candidates to maintain a grade point average of B (3.0) or better in all courses required for the degree program."