

Committee: Graduate Board
Administered: Graduate School

The Graduate Board serves as the representative body of the University of Maine Graduate Faculty and is responsible for the following functions:

1. Establishes rules, policies, and procedures governing graduate study at the University of Maine.
2. Recommends action on curricular and programmatic changes to the Dean of the Graduate School.
3. Acts as an advocate for the graduate mission at the University of Maine.

The Executive Committee of the Graduate Board is advisory to the Dean of the Graduate School regarding formal graduate student appeals and financial award decisions.

Major initiatives for the 2018-19 academic year included:

Curricular/programmatic approvals:

- New concentrations in Forest Resources MS and PhD programs
- New climate change concentration in the MA program in Global Policy
- New concentration in the CAS program in Educational Leadership (District Level Leadership)
- Substantive change proposal establishing a MA in Intermedia
- Substantive change proposal changing the Certificate in Advanced Study (CAS) in Education to an Educational Specialist (Ed.S)
- Revisions to the Ed.D program for K12 school administrators

Initiatives:

- An *ad hoc* committee was appointed through the Graduate Board to recommend best practices on the faculty-graduate student mentoring relationship.
- Working with the Graduate Student Government, the Graduate Board established UMaineGRAD, a professional development initiative- Growth/Resilience/Advancement/Delivery
- The Graduate School is working through the Graduate Board to improve graduate student recruitment through upgraded web sites.
- Graduate Board voted to discontinue the requirement for test scores in financial award decisions made by the Graduate Executive Committee.