

GRADUATE SCHOOL

at Auburn University

George Flowers
Dean of the Graduate School



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- The Graduate School serves and supports all Auburn University's graduate and professional programs.
- We support the master's, education specialist, and doctoral programs in every college.
- We work closely with the Graduate Program Officers (GPOs), faculty, and staff in each department/school to assist with graduate recruitment, admissions, advising, and graduation.

- **The Graduate Council provides faculty direction and counsel to the Graduate School.**

- **CHARGE**

The council shall review requests for curriculum changes in courses that may be taken for graduate credit, review and recommend approval of all proposals for new graduate programs and modifications to existing programs, review existing programs, recommend regulations and policies for the Graduate School, and assist the dean of the Graduate School in carrying out those regulations and policies.

- **MEMBERSHIP**

The Graduate Council Committee shall be composed of twelve to fifteen faculty members, with at least one from each college with a graduate program; three continuing/ex-officio members; and one graduate student nominated by the Graduate Student Council. The Dean of the Graduate School, as Chair; the Associate Dean of the Graduate School, as non-voting Vice-chair; and the Assistant to the Dean of the Graduate School, as non-voting Secretary, shall serve as continuing/ex-officio members of the committee.

MEMBERSHIP

Name	Department	Term Exp.
<u>George Flowers</u> , Chair	Dean of the Graduate School	Continuing
<u>Maria Witte</u> , Vice Chair	Assoc. Dean of the Graduate School	Continuing, Non-voting
<u>Brandi Long</u> , Secretary	Exec. Assistant to the Dean of the Graduate School	Continuing, Non-voting
<u>Rachael Sweeney</u>	College of Nursing	2025
<u>Jitka Hilliard</u>	Harbert College of Business	2025
<u>Forrest Smith</u>	Harrison College of Pharmacy	2025
<u>Matthew Hoch</u>	College of Liberal Arts	2026
<u>Bryan Beckingham</u>	Samuel Ginn College of Engineering	2026
<u>Brian Via</u>	College of Forestry, Wildlife, and the Environment	2026
<u>Nedret Billor</u>	College of Sciences and Mathematics	2026
<u>Stephen Erath</u>	College of Human Sciences	2026
<u>Ya-Xiong Tao</u>	College of Veterinary Medicine	2027
<u>Valentina Hartarska</u>	College of Agriculture	2027
<u>Jeff Kim</u>	College of Architecture, Design and Construction	2027
<u>Reginald Blockett</u>	College of Education	2027
<u>Kasia Leousis</u>	Libraries	2027
<u>Esther Akinrinde</u>	Graduate Student Representative	March 2025



GRADUATE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- Recommended approval of 2 revised Graduate Faculty Criteria
 - College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment
 - College of Nursing
- Reviewed and processed 112 Graduate Faculty Appointments & Reappointments



GRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

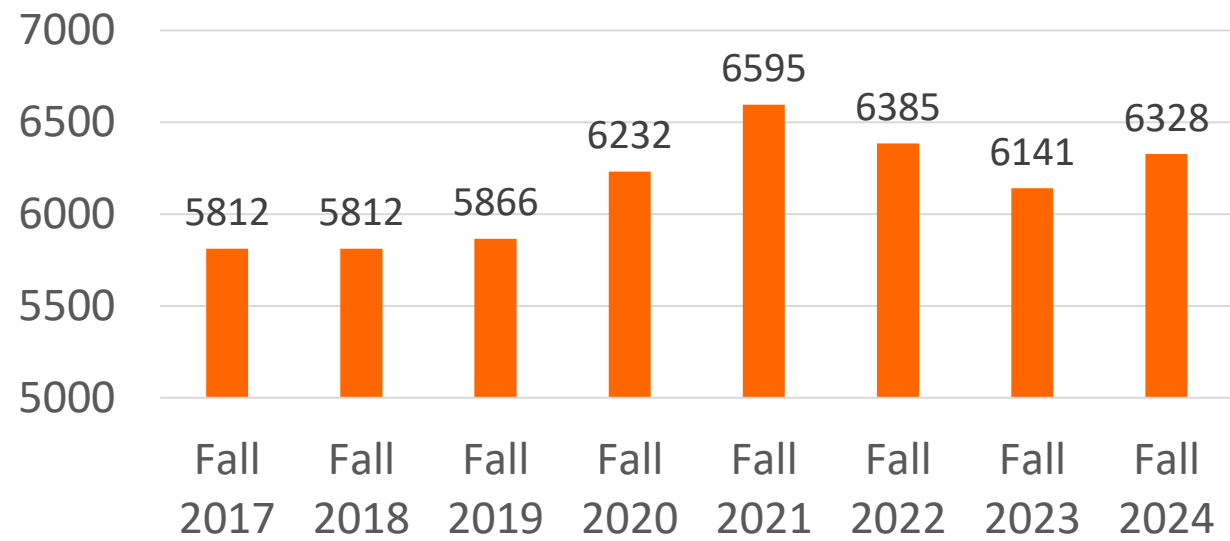
- New Graduate Programs reviewed and recommended for approval
 - 6 graduate certificates
 - Rural Health
 - Veterinary Social Work
 - Concepts of Digital Manufacturing
 - Neuroscience
 - Healthcare Systems Engineering
 - Electronics Parts, Manufacturing, and Packaging
 - 1 graduate degree
 - Ph.D. in Speech, Language, and Hearing Science
 - 1 graduate minor
 - Advanced Manufacturing
- 38 Program Revisions reviewed and recommended for approval
- New & Revised Courses reviewed and recommended for approval
 - 286 new and revised courses

- Approved graduate faculty appointment/reappointment recommendations Graduate Credentials Committee
- Approved graduate faculty criteria changes from Graduate Credentials Committee
- Approved new program recommendations from Graduate Curriculum Committee
- Approved new course recommendations from Graduate Curriculum Committee
- Reviewed, discussed, and made recommendations regarding graduate policies. For example:
 - Recommended discontinuation of Joint AUM/AU Joint Ph.D. in Public Administration and Public Policy.
 - A revised policy on zero credit hours courses was considered and approved.
 - Approved requirement that graduate student advisory committee chair and members have current Responsible Conduct of Research training provided by the OVPR.

GRADUATE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS AND ENROLLMENTS

- There is currently strong interest in Auburn graduate programs.
- Graduate applications and enrollments are strong.
- Most programs and colleges are seeing significant growth in graduate applications and enrollment.
- The domestic/int. makeup of the applicant pool is evolving.
- For Fall 2015, applications were ~54% domestic and 46% international.
- For Fall 2025, applications are ~48% domestic and 52% international.

Historic Graduate Enrollment (Headcount)



Fall 2015	Fall 2021	Fall 2025
China	Iran	Bangladesh
India	India	Nigeria
Bangladesh	China	China
Iran	Bangladesh	Iran
Saudi Arabia	Nigeria	Ghana
Nepal	Nepal	India
Top Six Countries for AU Graduate Applications		



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