

Agenda- PhD Committee meeting

December 1, 2016

10:00 – 11:30 am

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1. Updates

- a. Admissions to start in Jan
- b. Student rep coming to Jan meeting to present student concerns and listen to our discussion.
- c. Students' TA hours

2. New business:

- a. MA credit waivers- see below
- b. Student letter- attached to email
- c. Admissions- past numbers, plans for this year (#s, funding promises)- see below
- d. Degree tracking and audits

2b. Credit waiver petitions

Need to approve/deny requests for credit waivers for MA work. All documentation available in:
R:\phd admin\2016 Cohort\Credit Waiver Petitions

2c. Admissions for this year.

Previous year's admissions numbers:

	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>
Total Applications	87	114	135	139
Completed Applications	67	80	91	106
Admissions offers made	N/A	16	17	12
Admissions offers accepted	8	10	9	6
Percent offers accepted		63%	53%	50%
Primary/ Secondary Field: RCC	26	33	34	41
Primary/ Secondary Field: SMS	39	41	47	59
Primary/ Secondary Field: PVS	47	53	54	64
Primary/ Secondary Field: LRG	23	28	39	44
Regional Program: China	34	29	39	43
Regional Program: Japan	22	19	14	13
Regional Program: Korea	16	12	20	13
Regional Program: Middle East	20	28	37	41
Regional Program: REECAS	16	26	35	31
Regional Program: South Asia	17	26	15	29
Regional Program: SE Asia	19	13	23	38

Regional Program: Latin America	5	11	7	9
Regional Program: N. America/Arctic	0	4	4	4
Regional Program: Comparative Religion	6	1	3	1
Regional Program: Africa	0	5	4	10
Regional Program: Europe	0	0	3	6
Domestic Applicant percentage	42	44	45	47
International Applicant percentage	58	56	55	53
Goals: Academic	64	55	45	57
Goals: Professional	13	30	25	32
Goals: Both/ Either	22	5	18	9

2g. PVS seminar, note from Daniel Bessner:

“I’m writing with regards the PVS seminar I will be teaching in the spring. After speaking about the seminar with Saadia and Dan, who are the three people likely to be teaching it in the coming years, we have decided that it makes sense for the PhD committee to consider making a change in the seminar's assignment structure.

Basically, we think it would make sense if the Master's students and PhD students had different assignments. In short, we think we should consider allowing the Master's students to submit two response papers to class readings, while requiring the PhD students, instead of submitting response papers, to produce a 10-15 page literature review that they would run by their FAs and which they would link to their exams. In our opinion, this would help connect the seminar to the exams and would also help facilitate a 3-4 year graduation. “

2h. PhD Committee mission

From Student Handbook:

The Committee coordinates the Ph.D. Program’s activities with other graduate programs and administrative bodies in the JSIS and also the UW. Working with the Ph.D. Program Administrator, the Committee also handles all administrative and procedural issues related to each student from admittance to graduation. For any individual and/or additional queries, doctoral students in the program can write directly to the Ph.D. Program Committee at jsisphd@uw.edu.

Draft mission statement for intranet, website, and possibly for Student Handbook

The PhD Committee is responsible for oversight and design of the PhD Program. In collaboration with the Graduate Program Administrator and the Director of Academic Services, the Committee handles all administrative and procedural issues related to each student from admittance to graduation. The Committee coordinates the PhD Program’s activities with other graduate programs and administrative bodies in JSIS and the UW. The Committee also undertakes active assessment of the PhD Program and its students and can make adjustments to procedures, curriculum, and requirements to improve the quality of the program.

The voting members of the PhD Committee include a Chair (who is the Director of the PhD Program), the Graduate Program Coordinator, and typically six other voting members. The Director of the Jackson School, the Director of Academic Services, and the Graduate Program Administrator also sit on the PhD Committee. The Committee is representative of a range of disciplines, regional areas of expertise, faculty rank, and gender.