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What is the CGPS?

- The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies is responsible for the administration of all graduate programs.

- All graduate students are enrolled in the CGPS; all faculty eligible to supervise graduate students are members of the College.

- The CGPS serves both an academic and an administrative function.
  a) Academic – oversight for program development and revisions, degree requirements, policies and procedures;
  b) Administrative – oversight for admissions, applications, defences, convocations, and other student related matters.
What can the CGPS do for you?

- Roles and Responsibilities of
  a) CGPS
  b) Students
  c) Faculty
CGPS is responsible for:

a) Assisting students with program transfers, student leaves, extensions and withdrawals;

b) Addressing allegations of academic dishonesty;

c) Scheduling thesis defenses;

d) Scholarships and awards not handled by your department (including Tri-Council funding) and special scholarships covered by partnership agreements;

e) Assisting the University Library with the collection of Electronic Theses and Dissertations; and

f) Assisting with conflict/problem resolution
Graduate students are responsible for:

a) Submitting all admission documentation on time;
b) Registering for graduate classes;
c) Ensuring all tuition and fees are paid at the beginning of each academic term;
d) Academic Honesty;
e) Maintaining satisfactory progress towards timely degree completion; and
f) Meeting all convocation requirements.
Registration

- All official copies of admission documents must be received before you will be allowed to register;
- You can register through PAWS (paws.usask.ca); log in using your NSID and password;
  - Lost NSID or password? Visit: usask.ca/its/accounts/
- You must maintain continuous registration = register in every term (September, January and May);
- More registration information is available at: students.usask.ca/academics/classes.php
Graduate Chairs are responsible for:

a) Ensuring that a supervisor and advisory committee are named;

b) Taking reasonable action when students are not making satisfactory progress in their programs;

c) Chairing qualifying and comprehensive examinations;

d) Ensuring students meet all program requirements; and

e) Coordinating with the CGPS.
Graduate supervisors are expected to:

a) Assist the student to develop a manageable thesis topic;
b) Be reasonably accessible to the student;
c) Request regular progress reports from the student;
d) Convene formal advisory committee meetings annually (with the student present); and

e) Ensure thesis submitted is worthy of examination and any necessary changes are made before final submission to the CGPS.
Program of Studies

- All students must have a program of study within the first year. It states what is required for the completion of your program.
- Your advisory committee will approve your course work, the program of study and monitor your progress.
Student-Supervisor Relationship

- Clear expectations are very important to a successful program.
- Student-supervisor agreements are considered best practice.
- Agreements could include information on:
  a) Funding
  b) Intellectual Property Rights
  c) Authorship details
  d) Thesis proposals and research
  e) Timelines

https://students.usask.ca/graduate/graduate-students.php
Within the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, the Associate Dean, Dr. Ryan Walker, is responsible for receiving and responding to student academic concerns.
We are Here to Help

Unable to find answers to your questions?

Need help?

Contact us!

We are here to make sure you have the best possible experience in your time as a graduate student at the U of S.
Follow us on social media.
Welcome to the
ABORIGINAL STUDENTS’ CENTRE
Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre
Aboriginal Students’ Centre Team

Graeme Joseph
Team Leader, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Success

Lori Delorme
Student Services Coordinator

Amaranta Sokol Como
Student Development Coordinator

Ellmere Duquette
Clerical Assistant

Rachel Fiddler
Community Resource Coordinator
Inclusive gathering space
The Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre is a space for students to come before and after classes to study, use a computer, connect with other students and access services.
Orientation

- August Weekend Welcome
- September Student Welcome
- January Welcome
- Monthly Check-ins
Student Support

- One-on-one student support
- Workshops, presentations, sessions to help students stay healthy and focused throughout the academic year
Community

- Monthly birthday celebrations
- Holiday events: Thanksgiving, Halloween, Christmas
- Welcome Back BBQ and Year End BBQ
Tutoring

- English
- Math/Stats
- Chemistry
Soup and Bannock
Wednesdays
Elders and Knowledge Keepers
Supports and Events

- Métis Dinner and Dance
- Mass
- Aboriginal Achievement Week
Supports and Events
• Pipe Ceremonies
• Sweats
• Smudge and Share
• Graduation Powwow
Parent Circles
Health and Wellness

- Fitness 4U
- Dietician
- Health information sessions & displays
- Cooking classes
Intercultural

- Building Bridges
- ISSAC study abroad opportunities
- Scholarships for Aboriginal students studying abroad
Basic info about the ASC

- Located in the Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre
- Office hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 4:30
- Phone, fax, and photocopy
- Coffee, tea, fruit, microwave available
- Computer lab and lounge area (open late)
Thank you! Questions?
Follow us:
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@usaskasc
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Graduate Students’ Association
An overview – Ziad Ghaith, President
GSA Mission Statement

The mission of the Graduate Students’ Association is:

- To cultivate a positive experience for graduate students
- To advocate for unique needs and concerns of graduate students
- To foster a cohesive graduate student community
- To build positive relationships with other organizations.
GSA Executive team 2017/18

Ziad Ghaith
GSA President

Jordan Bonkowski
Vice President Finance

Ali Kiani
Vice President
Student Affairs

Iloradanon Efimoff
Aboriginal Liaison

Naheda Sahtout – Vice President External
Who is a part of the “GSA”?

All graduate students registered in the College of the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) are automatically members of GSA.
GSA Benefits & Services

**Academic Events**

- With the support of the College of Graduate Studies and Research, the GSA coordinates and supports a variety of Events throughout the year including the GSA annual conference and the 3MT thesis competition.
GSA Benefits & Services

Advocacy and Lobbying

- The GSA provides academic and non-academic advocacy for graduate students. This includes personal support and advising for individual grievances.
- The GSA lobbies on behalf of graduate students at a variety of levels including at the U of S, municipal, provincial, and federal level. The GSA is a Member of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS local 101).
GSA Benefits & Services

Bursary Fund

- GSA Bursary applications are accepted three times per year in Fall, Winter and Summer/Intersession to support students in financial need. Applications are available on the GSA Website at www.gsa.usask.ca.
GSA Benefits & Services

Health & Dental Plan

- The GSA ensures that a health and dental plan is in place for all U of S grad students. For more information see the GSA website www.gsa.usask.ca.
GSA Benefits & Services

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Graduate Student Commons
GSA Benefits & Services

Social Events
How you can be involved...

A few ideas to consider

- Become a GSA Executive member.
- Join GSA Council.
- Attend the Annual General Meetings and Course Council Meetings.
- Sign up for a GSA Committee.
- Volunteer to be a GSA representative on an external University committee.
- Contact the GSA Executive with your suggestions on projects, activities and campaigns.
Thank You
Follow us on social media.
Awards & Scholarships

CGPS awards team administers and manages ~ $15M of scholarships, awards and special funding annually.
The very first link will bring you to a searchable in house database as well as link to external sources for a very comprehensive look at what is available to you.
Additional Award Info

- Supervisor
- Graduate Chair
- Graduate Administrator
- College of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies
Students with Funding

Must

• Be registered in your graduate program.
• Study permits be sent to CGPS.
• Banking information and local residential address must be current and up-to-date.
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Teaching and professional skills courses for graduate students and postdocs offered throughout the year.

teaching.usask.ca
Gwenna Moss Centre for Teaching & Learning

Courses and Workshops for Graduate Students
Who, What, Where

- Gwenna Moss Centre for Teaching and Learning (GMCTL)
- We support your professional and teaching development through courses, workshops, events, and consultations
- Room 50, Murray Building - across from the main entrance to the Murray Library
Events Calendar:
http://gmcwapps.usask.ca/eventsRegistration/public/viewCurrentMonth;jsessionid=DA0FDC47392AFE690317ACF1050189DC.eventsRegLocalWorker1

To register for events or workshops listed on our calendar, follow the registration link below each event and use your NSID to register.

Courses and Events for Graduate Students:
http://teaching.usask.ca/teaching-support/graduate-teaching.php

To register for any GPS course, login to PAWS and use the Add/drop course option under the Registration tab to add the course. Some courses require permission to register.
GPS Courses

Teaching Courses

- GPS 989: Philosophy and Practice of University Teaching - if you have prior teaching experience (two terms)
- GPS 982: Mentored Teaching - this course is for PhD students who have received a Teacher-Scholar Doctoral Fellowship from the CGPS. (two terms)

Professional Skills Courses

- GPS 974: Graduate Professional Skills Certificate (single or multi-term)
- GPS 984: Thinking Critically (must complete prior to or at the same time as GPS 974) (single term)
For more information

Gwenna Moss Centre


gmctl@usask.ca

Wenona Partridge, Educational Development Specialist w.p@usask.ca
Library Offerings for Grad Students
Overview of Library Offerings

Our presentation will include information regarding:

1. Research Support
2. Help with Writing, and Math & Stats
3. Peer Support
Research Support at the Library

Take a library tour

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September 26  
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM |

Tours are free and there’s no need to register. Just meet us at the library entrance!

Get to know your subject librarian

Explore the various online resources

Research Guides by Subjects

Grad Help Guide

If we don’t have what you need, we can get it for you: interlibrary loan
Writing Help at the Library

- Tutoring
  - Online Help
  - Drop-in Help

- Workshops

- Writing Retreats (November, February breaks)

- Grammar mini-refresher course in September

- Online Resources
Math and Stats Help at the Library

Typically support is for undergraduate students.

Graduate students can contact Holly with a question and depending on the nature of the question help may be available (holly.fraser@usask.ca)

Research level math and stats is often beyond the scope of the help centre.
Peer Support at the Library

Peer Assisted Learning (PAL): Grad Help

Four graduate students offering

• Workshops
• Monthly conversation group

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All Library Workshops for Grad Students

Library Researcher Series **website**
http://libguides.usask.ca/LibraryResearcherSeries
Upcoming Workshops

Smart Start workshops directed at grad students:

• **September 18:** 2:30 pm-3:20 pm: “Strategies for Reading in Grad School,” Collaborative Learning Lab, Murray Building

• **September 20:** 9:30 am- 10:20 am: “Basic Presentation Skills,” Collaborative Learning Lab, Murray Building

Find us at
Library.usask.ca

Registration fills quickly! Watch PAWS for notification of workshops.

www.usask.ca/cgps
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We hope you have a great year!