

POLICY CLARIFICATION ON 702, 700 and 800 CREDITS (Chapter 3, Section E: Definition of Graduate-Level Courses)

Graduate School Policy states:

Chapter 3, Section 4—702 Credit: “The 702 credit is a Master’s Special Problems, Directed Study, and/or Examination credit. Credits are variable and grading is satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S,U). Credit is awarded for a grade of S; no credit is awarded for a grade of U. The S/U grade does not carry any quality points and is not calculated in the grade point average (GPA). Faculty should set course requirements for each semester that a student is enrolled in 702 credits, and provide an S/U grade at the end of the semester based on the student’s performance in meeting those requirements. In the event of exam failure, a U grade may be recorded for that semester’s 702 credits. Two U grades for 702 credits will lead to dismissal from the program. ...”

Chapter 3, Section 5—700/800-Level Research Credit: “Each graduate program has associated 700- (Master’s) or 800- (Doctoral) level credits for research and advanced study. The 700-level credit is for students working on their master’s research, thesis and/or examination. The 800-level credit is for doctoral research, dissertation and/or examination. Credits are variable and grading is satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S,U). Credit is awarded for a grade of S; no credit is awarded for a grade of U. The S/U grade does not carry any quality points and is not calculated in the grade point average (GPA). Faculty should set requirements for each semester that a student is enrolled in research credits, and provide an S/U grade at the end of the semester based on the student’s performance in meeting those requirements. In the event of exam failure, a U grade may be recorded for that semester’s 700 or 800 credits. Two U grades for 700 or 800 credits will lead to dismissal from the program.”

Policy Clarification: Because 702, 700 or 800 credits are associated with students’ work on research projects or special problems/directed study, a formal course syllabus is not required; however, students are still held accountable for meeting the expectations set by the faculty who are guiding their 702, 700 or 800 work, and for the standards of conduct and the academic integrity requirements to which all WSU students are held accountable. Students found responsible for academic integrity violations in their research or special problems/directed study work for 700, 702, or 800 credits may receive a U grade for unsatisfactory progress for that semester. Repeated and/or serious offenses may result in referral to the conduct board and expulsion from WSU. For graduate students, academic integrity violation may also result in the loss of teaching and/or research assistantships. WSU’s Standards of Conduct can be found at <http://conduct.wsu.edu/policies/standards-of-conduct/> .