RGRLL GRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOK

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1. 30 units of courses *approved* by your graduate advisor (at least half of which must be courses exclusively for graduate students, at the 500- or 600-level);
2. Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better;
3. 2-year language requirement;
4. Culminating experience: comprehensive exams or (with prior approval) a thesis.

NB:

- TAs must be registered in at least 6 units of coursework; international students must be registered in at least 9 units of coursework (per USCIS rules).
- With graduate advisor approval, you can transfer a maximum of 6 units of graduate coursework taken at another institution – as long as those units didn't count towards another degree. *With prior approval from the Dean of Graduate Studies, 9-12 units may be transferred from a study abroad program*
- While working towards your Master's degree, you may concurrently enroll in a certificate program (eg. Graduate Certificate in Translation Studies).
- Advancement to Candidacy can be done after completing 9 units of graduate coursework, but no later than one semester prior to graduation.
- Your advisor needs to approve your culminating activity (comps or thesis), and in some cases (eg. German), also needs to approve your reading list.
- Apply to graduate one semester before graduation.
- Pro tip: when writing to your advisor about any advising-related issue, add your ID number to your signature.

Campus Resources

Academic

- Graduate Center: Library, 2nd Floor (Study space, workshops, events, writing support, and more)
- RGR subject librarian: Alexis Pavenick
- Sally Casanova Predoctoral Research Program: designed to support the doctoral aspirations of underserved and underrepresented CSU students (includes a stipend for professional opportunities and campus visits, access to summer research opportunities, etc).
- CSULB Student Research Competition
- RGR Research Showcase: takes place once per semester; showcase for graduate students, part-time and full-time faculty to share their research projects.

Technology

- Academic Technology Services
- Campus computer labs
- Learning in Canvas: Student Resources
- Innovation Space: University Library, lower level. Services include 3D printing, laser cutting, digital scanners, VR systems and motion capture, 360° Theater, Podcasting.
- Library Tech Hub: PC and Mac repair for CSULB students, staff and faculty (University Library, 5th floor)
- Software Depot: this chiclet in Single Sign On provides you access to software licensed by the university, including Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Cloud, and many, many more.

TEACHING

- Classroom Support Services: supports instructors with classroom technology (troubleshooting, equipment check out). Having trouble with the smart panel or other technology in your classroom? Call: 562-985-4962

- Support for Canvas: in person, phone, chat, Zoom, and email options.

- Trouble with your office desktop or printer? Contact CLA Tech at cla-tech@csulb.edu

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

- Bob Murphy Access Center (formerly Disabled Student Services)

- CSULB Basic Needs Services: Emergency intervention, CalFresh (nutrition assistance program), Beach Pantry (run by ASI: non-perishable items for students in need).

- Not Alone @ The Beach: confidential support services for sexual assault, interpersonal violence, stalking, domestic violence, sexual harassment, exploitation)

- Student Health Services: provides basic care for acute medical conditions, injuries, and illnesses, as well as support services such as Behavioral Health, Psychiatry, Case Management, Laboratory, Pharmacy, X-ray, Acupuncture, Sports Medicine, and Wellness programs. Most care and services are free of charge except for the pharmacy, laboratory, and immunization clinic. All students enrolled for the current semester have paid a $75.00 Student Health Fee included with tuition, which provides access to the Student Health Services. Please note that the Student Health Fee is not health insurance and Student Health Services does not bill or accept insurance.

- Student Recreation and Wellness Center: included in your fees, so use it! The facility contains a three-court gym, a multi activity court gym, indoor jogging track, 20,000 square feet of weight and cardio equipment, racquetball courts, activity rooms for group exercise, a custom-made rock-climbing wall, a wellness center, swimming pool and spa, as well as many other services.

OTHER IMPORTANT RESOURCES

- Dream Success Center: provides services, resources, and support to members of the Beach community impacted by immigration policy.

- Student Financial Services: 562.985.5471 (Option 3)
  8 AM - 5 PM Monday-Friday studentaccountservices@csulb.edu

- BeachSync: for announcements by student organizations, clubs, events.

- Isabel Patterson Child Development Center: cares for children of students (6 months to 2nd grade). NB: hours are from 8:30 am to 5 pm only (won't work for your evening classes, but might help TAs who teach during the daytime).

- Beach Student-Parent Support Group: The BEACH Student-Parent Support Group is a space to connect with other pregnant and parenting students on campus. Students share experiences and explore topics such as self-care, balancing roles, healthy relationships, identity, and campus resources. The group meets at the Multicultural Center (FO3-02) on Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

- Career Development Center: offers trainings, workshops, and other career-related resources to students.