Key Points

- What is the HLC?
- Why is the HLC important to campus?
- Impacted policies in Graduate School
- Graduate Course Attribute Project
- Key deadlines and resources
- Questions?
HLC Background

- Is a federally recognized accrediting agency for degree-granting higher education organizations.
- Is one of six regional institutional accreditors in the United States.
- Is responsible for North Central region: AR, AZ, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, OH, OK, NM, SD, WI, WV, WY.

http://www.ncahlc.org/
Why important

- Compliance with accreditation standards ensures institutional eligibility for federal financial aid.
- Failure to comply is an automatic institutional sanction.
- HLC “Assumed Practices” are considered minimum standards.
- One of the many ways our campus ensures the integrity of its degrees and quality of the student experience.
GFEC-Approved Policies: 5 Categories

- Minimum Graduate Residence Credit Requirement
- Minimum Graduate Degree Credit Requirement
- Minimum Graduate Course Work (50%) Requirement
- Prior Course Work
- Maximum Credits per Term
Minimum Graduate Course Work (50%) Requirement

- At least 50% of credits applied toward the graduate program’s degree credit requirement must be courses designed for graduate work.

- Graduate course work can include UW-Madison courses (acknowledging current campus policy):
  - numbered 700 and above;
  - numbered 300-699 that are specifically designed for graduate students in a graduate program; or
  - numbered 300-699 that assess graduate students separately from undergraduate students.
Request for Graduate Course Attribute

- New policies effective Fall 2014
- Graduate School requested the University Curriculum Committee consider a graduate course attribute
- Allow programs and students alike to readily identify courses eligible to meet requirement
- Facilitate advising of enrolled students
- Assist degree audits at graduation
Graduate Course Attribute Project

Website with information about the implementation of the graduate course attribute: apiwisc.edu/grad_attribute.htm

For courses numbered 300 – 699 that are already in existence, subject owners (departments) will request the attribute using a spreadsheet.

In the future, questions about whether the graduate course attribute is needed will be a part of the online course proposal form.
9. This entire process will be managed electronically (no paper!). Please save an electronic copy of the file for your use and future reference.

If you have any questions regarding this process, contact Michelle Young (meyoung@wisc.edu)

Download step by step instructions for accessing the files.

Select Subject Listing according to School/College Affiliation

- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- School of Business
- School of Education
- College of Engineering
- Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies
- School of Human Ecology

CONSUMER SCIENCE (271)  
DESIGN STUDIES (359)  
HUMAN DEVEL & FAMILY STUDIES (230)  
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Key Deadlines

• November 1, 2014 - Deadline for subject owners to complete lists and send to their school/college curriculum committee
• February 1, 2015 - Deadline for schools/colleges to approve courses that request the graduate course attribute and send lists to the University Curriculum Committee
• July 1, 2015 - Deadline for the University Curriculum Committee to approve courses that request the graduate course attribute and send lists to the Office of the Registrar
• October, 2015 - Graduate course attribute is available for spring 2016 (1164) enrollment.
Key Resources

- Graduate Course Attribute Project Webpage:
  http://apir.wisc.edu/grad_attribute.htm

- Graduate Course Attribute Criteria Details:
  https://kb.wisc.edu/vesta/page.php?id=39841
  https://kb.wisc.edu/GSAdminKB/page.php?id=41517

- Higher Learning Commission Related Policies FAQs
  https://kb.wisc.edu/gsadminkb/page.php?id=41499
Thank You!!
Questions?