Classification of Students

The classifications for graduate students are the following:

MASTERS: A student admitted to a master's program and completing work at the master's level.

SPECIALIST: A student admitted to a specialist program and completing work at the specialist level.

DOCTORAL: A student admitted to the doctoral program and completing work at the doctoral level.

NON-DEGREE STUDENT: A student who currently is not a candidate for a degree or diploma.

Non-Degree Seeking Status

The non-degree classification at the graduate level is used only by those students who have completed a baccalaureate degree and who will not be working toward a graduate degree at UWF. Successful completion of courses in this classification does not provide a basis for degree status.

Graduate students may apply a maximum of 12 semester hours completed as a non-degree seeking student toward a graduate degree once admitted into a graduate program. Students should contact Graduate Admissions for more information concerning this process.

Non-degree students are subject to the student policies stated in the Catalog and Student Handbook and Planner. Non-degree students should review the Student Educational Records section to understand privacy information. Course work completed as a non-degree student will be included in the respective graduate level (master’s, specialist, doctorate) GPA, determined by the level of the course. International students in F-1 status should consult with the Director of the International Student Office regarding enrollment as a non-degree student.

All Pensacola campus students are required to purchase a Nautilus Card. Parking a vehicle on campus requires a parking decal which may be purchased online. Contact the Cashier's Office for information. Compliance with the immunization policy is required prior to registration. Contact the Division of Student Affairs (http://uwf.edu/studentaffairs) for information. To be considered for degree status, students must contact the Graduate School and complete the required application. Returning non-degree students who do not maintain continuous enrollment must file a new non-degree student application in the Graduate School. The non-degree student registration period begins approximately two weeks prior to the first day of classes for the semester – see the Academic Calendar (http://catalog.uwf.edu/academiccalendar) for specific dates.

Graduate degree-seeking students who wish to change to non-degree status will complete the non-degree student application in the Graduate School and submit an additional statement in writing indicating that a degree from UWF will no longer be pursued.