

**Memorandum of Agreement  
between the  
Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research at the University of Regina  
and the  
College of Graduate Studies and Research at the University at Saskatchewan**

**Short Title: Saskatchewan Universities Graduate Agreement (SUGA Agreement)**

**Preamble**

The Western Dean's Agreement (WDA) which normally governs the access of graduate students to courses at other member Institutions has some limitations which the University of Regina and the University of Saskatchewan do not wish to apply to their graduate students taking courses at these two institutions. Under the terms of the WDA, a student may only take those courses at the host institution that are deemed integral to their program of studies and unavailable at the home institution. Thus, for example, the WDA would not allow students to take a course at a host institution simply because it would be more convenient to do so or if the course in question was available at the latter. Moreover, the WDA does not apply to students who are in non-thesis based programs even though these students might also be able to take advantage of a WDA type of arrangement.

**Purpose**

The Saskatchewan Universities Graduate Agreement (SUGA Agreement) is revised in the context of the McKay Report which strongly encourages the Provinces' two major universities to collaborate as much as possible in order to further post-secondary education in Saskatchewan. The SUGA Agreement is to be viewed as providing more benefits than the Western Dean's Agreement and therefore supersedes that agreement. The purpose of the SUGA Agreement is to expedite registration procedures concerning graduate students so that students at one of our two universities can access relevant course offerings at the other through an efficient administrative process and at minimal cost. It will be open to graduate students in any degree program at either institution, and who may wish to access a course for credit to their program at the host institution primarily because of convenience. The agreement will also encourage rationalization of course offerings as well as collaborative course delivery.

**Eligibility**

Eligibility and Conditions for Participation in the SUGA Agreement

- 1) the student concerned must be a graduate student in good standing at one of the universities party to this agreement, and have the signed consent of both the host and home academic unit;
- 2) the course or courses must be integral to the student's program (identified as required on the student's Program of Study) although any particular course may be in a discipline other than the student's home unit;
- 3) the total number of courses taken through this agreement will not exceed 9 credit units/hours for non-thesis programs, 6 credit units/hours in Master's thesis programs and 3 credit units/hours in a Ph.D. program.
- 4) Special topic or Independent studies courses involving only a single student are usually not available to students under the SUGA Agreement.

**Responsibilities at Host and Home Institutions**

The student's home university has full responsibility for determining the graduate program requirements including such components as reports, projects or practica aside from the requirements for the particular course taken at the host university. It is the responsibility of the home university to monitor eligibility for student participation in the SUGA Agreement. Where course capacity is limited the host university reserves the right to give priority to its own students. Eligible students wishing to participate in the SUGA Agreement must arrange for the completion of the Request Form (attached)

**Fees**

Students covered by the agreement will not pay tuition at the host university for the course(s) concerned, but will be required to pay any and all applicable incidental fees to the host institution. Students participating in a SUGA arrangement will be required to be registered in the corresponding semester at their home institution in accordance with that institution's regulations. Following completion of the course, it is the student's responsibility to arrange for the provision of a transcript to the home university, paying fees currently in effect for that service at the host institution.

