1. Minimum credit hours for all graduate degrees.

Degree programs at the post-baccalaureate, graduate, or professional level will be based on at least 30 semester credit hours or the equivalent. [Addresses SACS requirement 2.7.1]

2. Graduate coursework taken on a non-credit basis.

Academic credit for coursework taken on a noncredit basis will only be awarded where there is documentation that the noncredit course work is equivalent to a designated credit experience. All non-credit hours are subject to unit/college level approval. [Addresses SACS requirement 3.4.8.]

3. Maximum graduate transfer hours.

In order to earn a graduate degree at Georgia State University, students must earn the majority of their graduate program credit hours from Georgia State University. All transfer hours are subject to unit/college level approval. [Addresses SACS requirement 3.6.3.]

Rationale:

These three graduate policies serve to bring the university into accordance with the following SACS requirements:

2.7.1 The institution offers one or more degree programs based on at least 60 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the associate level; at least 120 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the baccalaureate level; or at least 30 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the post-baccalaureate, graduate, or professional level.

3.4.8 The institution awards academic credit for coursework taken on a noncredit basis only when there is documentation that the noncredit course work is equivalent to a designated credit experience.

3.6.3 The majority of credits towards a graduate or a post-baccalaureate professional degree are earned through instruction by the institution awarding the degree.