

**MINUTES
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES**

MEETING: January 26, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Adams, P. Alcalde, K. Bowers, T. Brewster, E. Delavega, A. Guthrie, T. McCuddy, J. McCutcheon, A. Mickelson, E. Nelson, M. Perez, H. Sable, K. Saghafi, C. Santo, X. Shen, S. Stanley, D. Venugopal, C. Woolner

MEMBERS ABSENT: S. George, V. Levin

GUESTS: Rosa Feleg (HIST), Michelle Smith (CERI), Andrei Znamenski (CAS UCGS representative)

PROXIES: N/A

PRESIDING: R. Kreuz

1. Approval of the minutes from the October 27, 2025 Council meeting

E. Delavega made a motion to approve the minutes. M. Perez seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

2. Welcoming new and returning Council Members

Tim Brewster (CHEM) returned from PDA
Tim McCuddy (SOCI)
Cookie Woolner (HIST)
Kas Saghafi (PHIL) is joining for the Spring while Danny Smith is on PDA
Sharon Stanley (POLS) returned from PDA

3. Presentation and Q&A with Dean Deb Tollefsen

Dean Tollefsen presented updates and information from the Graduate School. Presentation slides start on page 2.

Regarding CPOS and dissertation hours limits: Recommended that when students begin registering for dissertation, start at 1 hour per semester. During defense semester, they register for the remaining hours needed to bring them to the program requirement.

4. Adjournment M. Perez motioned to adjourn. S. Stabley seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Updates from Graduate School

Prepared for CAS Graduate Council
Spring 2026

CAS Graduate Enrollment Trends

Fall Enrollment

ENROLLMENT TRENDS BY COLLEGE, DEPARTMENT, MAJOR, CONCENTRATION FALL						
Acad Year	23-24		24-25		25-26	
College of Major	Headcount	Total Hours	Headcount	Total Hours	Headcount	Total Hours
College of Arts and Sciences	1,462	11,349	1,272	9,438	1,066	7,783
Anthropology	16	137	16	136	17	160
Biological Sciences	42	314	45	318	38	263
Chemistry	50	336	52	409	53	426
City and Regional Planning	28	302	33	337	34	352
Computer Science	311	2,662	190	1,394	115	861
Criminology and Crim Justice	33	279	24	171	22	177
Earth Sciences	60	379	58	437	55	352
English	131	838	133	783	139	809
History	56	304	58	326	68	386
Interdisciplinary Programs	297	2,474	231	1,706	78	519
Mathematical Sciences	51	282	41	244	41	240
Philosophy	26	177	26	174	24	145
Physics	30	163	26	101	31	167
Political Science	17	138	14	117	9	69
Psychology	103	710	88	623	90	673
Public and Nonprofit Admin	55	360	75	542	78	631
Schl Urban Affrs Pblc Pcly	18	115	19	122	28	160
School of Social Work	137	1,377	145	1,468	146	1,351
Sociology	13	93	9	84	15	113
World Languages & Literatures	8	72	8	72	7	63
Total	1,462	11,349	1,272	9,438	1,066	7,783

Spring Enrollment

ENROLLMENT TRENDS BY COLLEGE, DEPARTMENT, MAJOR, CONCENTRATION SPRING						
Acad Year	22-23		23-24		24-25	
College of Major	Headcount	Total Hours	Headcount	Total Hours	Headcount	Total Hours
College of Arts and Sciences	1,360	10,609	1,416	10,559	1,153	8,578
Anthropology	15	129	13	115	18	160
Biological Sciences	39	295	40	287	38	269
Chemistry	44	315	43	286	45	348
City and Regional Planning	26	260	32	339	33	344
Computer Science	290	2,572	303	2,264	147	1,152
Criminology and Crim Justice	29	234	33	249	24	165
Earth Sciences	57	385	59	407	60	460
English	139	816	128	776	124	742
History	60	311	51	283	59	334
Interdisciplinary Programs	241	2,061	296	2,376	156	1,114
Mathematical Sciences	47	275	46	253	38	229
Philosophy	23	159	26	171	22	135
Physics	27	184	25	138	28	106
Political Science	14	118	15	134	13	102
Psychology	92	633	93	614	87	630
Public and Nonprofit Admin	59	389	63	454	84	637
Schl Urban Affrs Pblc Pcly	15	90	19	110	19	95
School of Social Work	134	1,315	136	1,360	158	1,548
Sociology	13	103	12	66	12	87
World Languages & Literatures	12	106	8	69	6	51
Total	1,360	10,609	1,416	10,559	1,153	8,578

CAS Admissions- Spring '26

year Program College	2024				2025				2026			
	Applied Today	Admitted Today	Applied Census	Admitted Census	Applied Today	Admitted Today	Applied Census	Admitted Census	Applied Today	Admitted Today	Applied Census	Admitted Census
College of Arts and Sciences	1,151	363	1,147	370	568	292	590	316	383	212	383	212
Anthropology	5	1	5	1	7	4	7	4	2	1	2	1
Biological Sciences	13	1	13	1	19	2	19	3	12	7	12	7
Chemistry	26	7	26	8	35	6	52	23	27	5	27	5
City and Regional Planning	25	7	25	7	21	9	21	9	11	8	11	8
Computer Science	442	104	434	98	105	48	107	49	53	13	53	13
Criminology and Crim Justice	15	7	15	7	14	7	14	7	14	10	14	10
Earth Sciences	33	9	33	9	27	13	27	13	16	9	16	9
English	60	22	60	23	55	37	54	36	65	45	65	45
History	12	8	12	8	11	10	11	10	13	11	13	11
Interdisciplinary Programs	333	122	328	119	72	39	72	39	38	23	38	23
Mathematical Sciences	24	1	24	1	27	11	27	11	18	4	18	4
Philosophy									1	1	1	1
Physics	16	2	16	2	10	2	10	2	15	3	15	3
Political Science	9	1	9	1	18	7	18	7	8	5	8	5
Psychology	3	3	3	3	2	2	4	3	4	3	4	3
Public and Nonprofit Admin	71	35	73	37	90	56	87	55	36	29	36	29
Schl Urban Affrs Plc Pcy	4	4	5	5	1	1	1	1				
School of Social Work	46	26	52	37	47	34	51	39	40	30	40	30
Sociology	14	3	14	3	6	3	7	4	8	4	8	4
World Languages & Literatures					1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1
Total	1,151	363	1,147	370	568	292	590	316	383	212	383	212

	Applied	YoY%	Admitted	YoY%	Admits Enrolled	YoY%
Dom	172	14.7%	133	4.7%	100	-8.3%
Intl	211	-49.5%	79	-52.1%	25	-41.9%
Total	383	-32.6%	212	-27.4%	125	-17.8%

- 4 apps in awaiting decision status marked expired due to no decision

CAS Admissions- Fall '26

year Program College	2024				2025				2026			
	Applied Today	Admitted Today	Applied Census	Admitted Census	Applied Today	Admitted Today	Applied Census	Admitted Census	Applied Today	Admitted Today	Applied Census	Admitted Census
College of Arts and Sciences	878	201	1,615	731	886	214	1,440	680	715	159	715	159
Anthropology	4		12	9	10	1	18	14	7	4	7	4
Biological Sciences	31	4	56	19	38	3	72	17	25		25	
Chemistry	62		100	26	70	6	94	25	60	5	60	5
City and Regional Planning	32	6	58	31	66	40	94	62	36	17	36	17
Computer Science	115	41	272	114	56	25	116	56	40	23	40	23
Criminology and Crim Justice	5	1	21	13	11	1	29	18	2	2	2	2
Earth Sciences	28	2	60	24	17		40	12	34	1	34	1
English	71	6	135	77	79	23	185	129	81	25	81	25
History	32	2	50	37	29	15	45	35	30	6	30	6
Interdisciplinary Programs	87	58	189	116	35	19	85	47	10	3	10	3
Mathematical Sciences	26	4	53	20	33	11	50	30	22	5	22	5
Philosophy	61		60	12	88		85	14	74	1	74	1
Physics	19		47	4	22	2	42	13	21	5	21	5
Political Science	29	19	40	26	21	8	33	17	24	15	24	15
Psychology	159	1	209	32	173		225	37	161		161	
Public and Nonprofit Admin	57	38	105	66	53	36	87	59	24	22	24	22
Schl Urban Affrs Plc Pcy	28	4	36	15	39	9	39	20	31	9	31	9
School of Social Work	24	14	84	77	30	13	73	57	20	11	20	11
Sociology	6		23	9	12		24	14	12	5	12	5
World Languages & Literatures	2	1	5	4	4	2	4	4	1		1	
Total	878	201	1,615	731	886	214	1,440	680	715	159	715	159

	Applied	YoY%	Admitted	YoY%
Dom	342	8.9%	36	44.0%
Intl	373	-34.8%	123	-34.9%
Total	715	-19.3%	159	-25.7%

Admissions Funnel as of 1/23/26:

- First Review: 210
- Second Review: 56
- Decision Maker: 146
- Review Date Passed: 15

Updates

- Course program of study (CPOS) has been implemented at the graduate level
 - Please ensure UMdegree accurately reflects your program requirements as shown in the Graduate Catalog
 - Reviewing UMdegree while advising each student is best practice. Use **What If** function to view where future classes will apply
 - Select What If
 - Select checkbox for Use Current Curriculum
 - Enter Course Subject and Number and click Process
 - Courses that display as Unapplied Elective will not be aid eligible
 - Petitions can be submitted to document legitimate substitutions. Petitions made for the sole purpose of making the student eligible for aid will not be accepted.
- GSA relaunch, new executive board
 - All GSA travel funds for 2025-26 have been awarded
 - GSA board has decided to establish a Graduate Student General Assembly
 - Representation will be proportional to each college's enrollment with colleges appoint student representatives for a one year term
- In-house credential evaluation process

Updates

- Forms Project/SLATE
- Curriculum/Policy Updates
 - 60 credit hr minimum for doctoral program
 - Transfer credit, combined credit—50 percent rule
 - Continuous enrollment at thesis or dissertation, *assuming satisfactory progress*
- GA contract process in Oracle
- Spring graduation dates
 - Application deadline is Feb 5, 2026
 - Thesis/Dissertation, and all associated forms, deadline March 27, 2026
 - Doctoral students who submit dissertation by March 1, 2026 will receive diploma at graduation

Minutes prepared by S. Warren from a recording of the meeting and edited by R. Kreuz.