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TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 6

## **ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

School of Graduate Studies: Proposal to Increase the Admission requirements for the M.Sc. and Ph.D. in the Nutritional Sciences program.

## **JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Committee has the authority to approve admission policies relating to minor changes to individual programs or to divisional practices and policies.

## **PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

This proposal formalizes the existing practice as the program is highly competitive and this standard helps to ensure that strong students are admitted. The current calendar entry does not communicate the admission practices, and the Department of Nutritional Sciences receives dozens of applications from individuals who do not have an A- standing in their prior degrees. Changing the stated admission requirements will have no impact on the programs, but it will reduce the number applications to be processed from individuals who are not admissible to the program.

The proposal was approved by the Council of the School of Graduate Studies on January 25, 2005.

## **FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no new/additional financial resources required.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs approve:

THAT the minimum admission requirement for the M.Sc. and Ph.D. in the Nutritional Sciences program be increased to an A-, for inclusion in the School of Graduate Studies calendar on a permanent basis, effective January 2006.