Policies for Graduate Students submitting degree petitions:

If you are submitting a degree petition and are planning to graduate during the next semester, please be aware of the following policies:

A. You are eligible for GRA/GTA status and the associated (reduced) fees if you plan to be here for the **full semester**. In this case, you **must** register as a full-time GRA/GTA (21 credit hours, including one hour for seminar). You **cannot** deviate from this policy, and will be responsible for full tuition costs if you decide to leave before the end of the semester.

B. If you plan to leave before the semester ends, you **are not eligible** for GRA/GTA status. Here are your options in this case:

   1. Register for one credit hour of thesis research, and pay the appropriate fees based on your residency status. You may exercise this option **one time only**.

   2. Register for three credit hours of thesis research, and pay the appropriate fees based on your residency status.

C. If you defend your thesis after the thesis submission deadline for the semester, but before the beginning of the next semester, then you may apply for an enrollment waiver for your graduating semester. This must be done prior to the beginning of the semester and would waive your registration fees completely for the graduating semester. Note that this waiver can be granted only if all degree requirements have been satisfied during or prior to the registration phase of the graduating semester.

D. Be sure to let the ChBE Graduate Office know your plans and the date you intend to leave. Your payroll status can then be changed, and the sponsor of your project charged accordingly.