Leave of Absence

For Graduate School: Leaves are granted for a maximum of one year at a time, renewable upon request for the second year. In order to request a leave, the student must be currently registered or registered during the previous semester; students who are admitted but never registered are not eligible for leaves. Part-time students may request to go on an official leave of absence for up to one year (two semesters: Fall and Spring) of no enrollment.

For School of Professional Development: Non-matriculated and matriculated students do not need to request a leave of absence if they do not plan to enroll in a given semester. Non-matriculated students will be discontinued after three consecutive semesters (fall and spring only) of no enrollment. Matriculated master’s students will be discontinued after five consecutive semesters (fall and spring only).

Students planning to return from leaves of absence are required to complete a readmission request form and should submit it to their departments three months in advance of the enrollment. All students should be aware that if they take a leave of absence they are stating that they will not be doing any work towards their degree or consulting with faculty, and that they will lose student status privileges and may be required to pay back student loans. International Students: you must speak to an International Student Advisor to discuss your immigration status before taking a leave of absence. Approval of an academic leave by the Graduate School or SPD does not excuse the U.S. Immigration requirement for full-time registration for each semester. By signing below, you certify that you understand the implications of this leave of absence on your immigration status in the United States.

Check appropriate items below:
- New request for leave of absence for current semester
- New request for leave of absence for next semester
- Renewal of a leave of absence; previous semester on leave

I request a leave of absence for the following semester(s): Fall ________ Winter ________ Spring ________ Summer ________

Reason (attach document if additional space is needed):

Student Signature___________________________________________ Date ________________

Graduate Program Director or Chair Signature: ________________________________________________ Date _____________

International Student Advisor Signature: _____________________________________________________ Date _________________

For Graduate School & School of Professional Development Use Only:
- □ Denied & Reason: ___________________________________________ Date: __________
- □ Approved & Processed: ________________________________________ Date: __________
- □ Approved w/ Special Conditions & Processed: ______________________ Date: __________

Graduate School: 2401 Computer Science Bldg.
School of Professional Development: 2321 Computer Science Bldg.

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