COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MS HCA GRADUATE PROJECT

- Can I use university research facilities after I have taken all my required units?

Please review the following excerpt from the University Catalog online:

If you have completed all the units required for your master's degree, but are still working on your thesis, project, or studying for a comprehensive exam, you can have continued access to university facilities by registering for GS X6990 Graduate Study Completion, through the Division of Continuing and International Education. This is a 1-unit course with a fee of $54. The other alternative is to register for 0.1 units through the regular registration process at a cost of approximately $566-$600. Registering for GS X6990 will provide you with a valid Student ID card, the ability to check books out of the library, remote access to computerized databases in the library, use of computer labs on campus, the ability to continue to work on projects in science labs, eligibility to purchase a parking permit, and access to other benefits enjoyed by regularly registered students.

Note: GS X6990 cannot be used to satisfy any unit or course requirements for your degree.

You can register by picking up a "GS X6990 Graduate Study Completion Form" in your department or in the Continuing and International Education Office in SA 1700.

- How long do I have to complete my project?

You have 4 quarters from when you started your project to complete it. So if you started in Winter 2014, you must complete your project by the end of Fall 2014. While you are working on your project, you will receive a grade of “RP” which means report in progress. Here is another excerpt from the University catalog about the “RP” grade:

Administrative Grades: You may also receive the administrative grades indicated above. It is important that you observe the differences among them. As noted earlier in the section "What are the different kinds of capstone experiences?", the Report in Progress grade ("RP") is used in courses when assigned work extends beyond one quarter. It indicates that work is in progress and has been evaluated and found satisfactory to date, but that assignment of a precise grade must await completion of additional work. You cannot enroll in more units of RP-graded courses than are applicable to your degree. An "RP" in a thesis course becomes an "F" or an "NC" if the work is not completed in five years; an "RP" grade in any other course becomes an "F" or an "NC" after one year.