

Message to Graduate Students

January 23, 2025

Dear Graduate Students,

Yesterday, Interim President Emily Cutrer emailed a plan to address the budget deficit at Sonoma State. Her email included a plan to discontinue some of our academic programs. I am writing because you are in a graduate program that is planned for discontinuation, and I want to make you aware of potential impacts to your degree completion. All of us at Sonoma State regret the anxiety and concerns our program closures may cause you and your family. We want to do everything we can to ensure you finish your degree in a timely way.

Please be aware that, in order to complete a graduate program that will be discontinued, students will need to complete all coursework within two years (by the end of the Spring 2027 semester). Teach-out plans will be available by March 30, ahead of Fall course registration. If this will not be possible for you, I urge you to reach out to your graduate coordinator, graduate advisor, or our Office of Graduate Studies for support.

If you wish to offer feedback on program closures, you are encouraged to do so through your representatives in Associated Students or by attending the President's Town Hall on January 30, 2025.

Thank you and best wishes for the Spring Semester.

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