



leave of absence from your degree program and, if granted, you will be exempt from the continuing enrollment requirement on a semester-by-semester basis.

You should obtain information from your program on closure exercises and the program's particular method of handling the continuing enrollment policy. (See individual graduate program listings for further information.)

GRADUATION CONTRACT

The commencement ceremony to award degrees is held at the end of the spring semester. However, you may file a graduation contract during any semester or summer term in which you complete your degree requirements. You should submit the contract to the Office of Admissions and Records no later than the end of the fourth week of classes during a semester or the end of the third week of classes during a summer term.

The contract must be approved by your adviser and the program administrator. You may submit graduation contracts for early evaluation during your next-to-last term. Contract forms are available in the Office of Admissions and Records.

SECOND MASTER'S DEGREE

All program and campus requirements for the master's degree are in effect even if you have previously earned an advanced degree. Credit from a previous degree may not be used for the degree in process. However, any public affairs colloquium requirement is waived for those who have previously completed that requirement at the graduate level.

GRADUATE INTERNSHIPS AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Experiential learning is an integral part of your graduate education at the University of Illinois at Springfield. In addition to internships offered through the Institute for Public Affairs, internship/practicum opportunities are offered by many academic programs. Additional information may be obtained from program faculty and from individual program statements in this catalog.

UIS also provides a variety of paid internship opportunities in Illinois government agencies and on campus. (See page 66.)

RESEARCH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD

Conventional research opportunities are available to stu-

dents in most academic programs. In addition, UIS offers you unique opportunities for applied research through its public affairs centers where emphasis is on coordinated, interdisciplinary approaches to problem solving, training, and communication. Many of the UIS internship/fellowship programs are also coordinated by the centers.

UIS cooperates with neighboring universities in meeting their doctoral students' needs for research and residency in the Springfield area.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

For general information on grading, credit/no credit, incomplete work, grade-point average, and plagiarism see pages 44-46.

ACADEMIC LOAD

For purposes of tuition and fees, you are considered a full-time student if you are enrolled for 12 or more semester hours of course work during the fall or spring semesters or six semester hours of course work in the summer term. Fewer hours of enrollment is considered part-time.

If you wish to enroll for more than 18 semester hours during the fall or spring semesters or more than eight semester hours during the summer term, you