**GRADUATE STUDY**

Graduate programs are administered by the individual departments, schools and centers with assistance from the Graduate School. Major coordination of the various degree programs is performed by the University Graduate Council, which is chaired by the dean of the Graduate School. The University Graduate Council comprises two elected faculty members from each school and one elected faculty member from VCU Life Sciences.

The Graduate School section of the VCU Bulletins documents the official admission and academic rules and regulations that govern graduate education at the university. The University Graduate Council determines these policies.

Bulletins and course descriptions for the current and past years are now archived in the VCU Scholars Compass (http://scholarscompass.vcu.edu/vcubulletins) hosted by the VCU Libraries.

**Graduate programs**

In-depth descriptions of all graduate programs at VCU are provided in the individual school and program sections of this bulletin. The Graduate School website (http://www.graduate.vcu.edu) provides links and contact information for all graduate programs offered at VCU. The website also provides updates that occur throughout the academic year, as well as the Application to Graduate Study and complete instructions for applying to all graduate programs.

Refer to the program index for a complete listing of all graduate programs, as well as application deadline dates, and special admission requirements and contact information. Applicants are encouraged to contact the school/department sponsoring the intended program of study at the telephone numbers and/or email addresses provided. Other important contact information is provided on the Graduate School (http://www.vcu.edu/graduate) website as well.