REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

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Mode of Instruction Definitions

**Accelerated:** Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

**Evening/Weekend:** Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

**Face-to-Face:** Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

**Hybrid:** These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

**Online:** These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

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<td>Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement</td>
<td>Thesis Pathway: 16 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Independent Study Pathway: 21 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School’s Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) policy (<a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244</a>)</td>
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Overall GPA Requirement | 3.00 GPA required.
Graduate GPA Requirement | This program follows the Graduate School’s GPA Requirement policy (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203). Other Grade Requirements | n/a
Assessments and Examinations | Thesis Option: A faculty committee will conduct a final examination on the thesis research. Independent Study Option: A written report must be prepared based on the independent study project.

REQUIRED COURSES

All graduate students (including PhD dissertation students) must register for G L E 900 Seminar once per academic year. M.S. degree candidates may choose from two options for their program of study:

**Thesis Pathway**
This option requires at least 16 credits of graduate-level coursework (numbered 300 and higher) and at least 6 credits of G L E 790 Master’s Research or Thesis.

**Independent Study Pathway**
This option requires at least 21 credits of graduate-level coursework (numbered 300 and higher) and 3 credits of G L E 999 Independent Work. A written report must be prepared based on the independent study project.

These pathways are internal to the program and represent different curricular paths a student can follow to earn this degree. Pathway names do not appear in the Graduate School admissions application, and they will not appear on the transcript.