**Policies**

**Graduate School Policies**

The Graduate School’s Academic Policies and Procedures (https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/) provide essential information regarding general university policies. Program authority to set degree policies beyond the minimum required by the Graduate School lies with the degree program faculty. Policies set by the academic degree program can be found below.

**Major-Specific Policies**

**Prior Coursework**

Graduate Credits Earned at Other Institutions

Students will not be permitted to transfer credits from previously earned graduate coursework.

Undergraduate Credits Earned at Other Institutions or UW–Madison

- Undergraduate credits from UW–Madison: With advisor approval, students may transfer up to 7 credits numbered 300 or above toward the degree specialization areas (not the core degree requirements). These credits may be counted toward the minimum graduate coursework (50%) requirement if numbered 700 or above. No credits may be counted toward the minimum graduate residence credit requirement. Coursework earned ten or more years prior to admission is not allowed to satisfy requirements.
- Undergraduate credits from other institutions: Undergraduate credits from other institutions are not permitted to transfer in this program.

Credits Earned as a Professional Student at UW–Madison (Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Veterinary careers)

Refer to the Graduate School: Transfer Credits for Prior Coursework (https://policy.wisc.edu/library UW-1216/) policy.

Credits Earned as a University Special Student at UW–Madison

Refer to the Graduate School: Transfer Credits for Prior Coursework (https://policy.wisc.edu/library UW-1216/) policy.

**Probation**

Refer to the Graduate School: Probation (https://policy.wisc.edu/library UW-1217/) policy.

**Advisor / Committee**

All students will be assigned an advisor who assists them in planning a course sequence that meets degree requirements and who will discuss career objectives with the students.

**Credits Per Term Allowed**

15 credits

**Time Limits**

Refer to the Graduate School: Time Limits (https://policy.wisc.edu/library UW-1221/) policy.

**Grievances and Appeals**

These resources may be helpful in addressing your concerns:

- Bias or Hate Reporting (https://doso.students.wisc.edu/bias-or-hate-reporting/)
- Graduate Assistantship Policies and Procedures (https://hr.wisc.edu/policies/gapp/#grievance-procedure)
- Hostile and Intimidating Behavior Policies and Procedures (https://hr.wisc.edu/hib/)
  - Office of the Provost for Faculty and Staff Affairs (https://facstaff.provost.wisc.edu/)
- Employee Assistance (http://www.eao.wisc.edu/) (for personal counseling and workplace consultation around communication and conflict involving graduate assistants and other employees, post-doctoral students, faculty and staff)
- Employee Disability Resource Office (https://employeedisabilities.wisc.edu/) (for qualified employees or applicants with disabilities to have equal employment opportunities)
- Graduate School (https://grad.wisc.edu/) (for informal advice at any level of review and for official appeals of program/departmental or school/college grievance decisions)
- Office of Compliance (https://compliance.wisc.edu/) (for class harassment and discrimination, including sexual harassment and sexual violence)
- Office Student Assistance and Support (OSAS) (https://osas.wisc.edu/) (for all students to seek grievance assistance and support)
- Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (https://conduct.students.wisc.edu/) (for conflicts involving students)
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- Ombuds Office for Faculty and Staff (http://www.ombuds.wisc.edu/) (for employed graduate students and post-docs, as well as faculty and staff)
- Title IX (https://compliance.wisc.edu/titleix/) (for concerns about discrimination)

Students should contact the department chair or program director with questions about grievances.

**Other**

1. Additional Prior Coursework Policy (this policy is in addition to the prior coursework policies listed above):
   a. Graduate Program Credits earned in other UW–Madison Graduate Programs: With advisor approval: a) Students with an earned UW–Madison master’s degree may transfer up to 7 credits toward the MS in Design + Innovation program. b) Students without an earned master’s degree, but who have completed master’s credits, may transfer up to 12 credits in the MS in Design + Innovation program. c) Students with PhD credits or an earned PhD degree may transfer up to 12 credits in the MS in Design + Innovation program. (Refer to the Graduate School Time Limits (https://policy.wisc.edu/library UW-1221/) policy)

2. Students are strongly discouraged to pursue positions as Project Assistants, Teaching Assistants or Research Assistants during their time in this program, as the rigor and accelerated nature of this program may not accommodate those work time commitments. Students in this program will not receive the tuition remission
that is typically part of the compensation package for a graduate assistantship.