GRADUATE GUIDE

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The Graduate School sets minimum standards that must be met by all graduate students in the university. Continuation in the Graduate School is at the discretion of the major program and the Graduate School.

Program requirements can exceed the Graduate School minimum criteria. Additional requirements are described in each program’s Requirements tab on its Guide page. Students are responsible for reviewing Guide and obtaining specific program requirements from the program. Many programs publish a graduate student handbook, which provides more details about graduate study and other policies and processes.

GRADUATE SCHOOL MINIMUM DEGREE POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS
Schools/colleges, departments and programs may set more stringent requirements than the Graduate School. The table below includes Graduate School policies and other information that is featured on each program page.

POLICIES
Graduate Credits Earned at Other Institutions Refer to the Graduate School: Transfer Credits for Prior Coursework policy. https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216/

Undergraduate Credits Earned at Other Institutions or UW-Madison Refer to the Graduate School: Transfer Credits for Prior Coursework policy. https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216/

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 policy. https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216/

Credits Earned as a University Special Student at UW-Madison Refer to the Graduate School: Transfer Credits for Prior Coursework policy. https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216/

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

Advisor / Committee Refer to the Graduate School: Advisor (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1232) and Graduate School Committees (Doctoral/Master’s/MFA) (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1201) policies.

Credits Per Term Allowed 15 credit maximum. Refer to the Graduate School: Maximum Credit Loads and Overload Requests policy. https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1228/

Requirements
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy. https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/

Overall Graduate GPA Requirement 3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy. https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/

Other Grade Requirements Programs may have additional and/or more stringent policies. Refer to individual program Guide pages.

Assessments and Examinations Each program may have unique policies. Refer to individual program Guide pages.

Language Requirements Each program may have unique policies. Refer to individual program Guide pages.

MASTER’S DEGREES
MA, MS, MAcc, MBA, MM, MEng, MIPA, MPA, MSW

Minimum Graduate Degree Credit Requirement 30 credits

Minimum Graduate Residence Credit Requirement 16 credits

MASTER OF FINE ARTS DEGREE OR EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST DEGREE
MFA, EdS

Minimum Graduate Degree Credit Requirement 42 credits

Minimum Graduate Residence Credit Requirement 24 credits

DOCTORAL DEGREES
AuD, DMA, DNP, OTD, PhD

Minimum Graduate Degree Credit Requirement 51 credits

Minimum Graduate Residence Credit Requirement 32 credits

Graduate School Breadth Requirement
All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Refer to the Graduate School: Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200/) policy.

For more information, please consult the Graduate School Academic Policies and Procedures (https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicies/).