GRADUATE GUIDE

POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS

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/acadpolicy/).