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 Work from Other Institutions
No coursework from other institutions may be applied toward the minimum graduate coursework requirement, the minimum graduate degree credit requirement, or the minimum PhD program requirement except in rare circumstances that require approval from the PhD Program Chair. Coursework earned more than 5 years prior to admission to the PhD program may not be used to satisfy degree credit minimums.

UW–Madison Undergraduate
Doctoral students may apply up to 6 credits with the graduate attribute, obtained as UW-Madison undergraduate students, toward the PhD program statistics or methods requirements, with approval from the PhD Program Chair. Coursework earned more than 5 years prior to admission to the PhD program may not be used to satisfy degree credit minimums.

UW–Madison University Special
Doctoral students may petition to apply up to 12 credits with the graduate attribute, obtained as UW-Madison University Special student or as a UW-Madison graduate student in another graduate program, toward the PhD program minimum degree requirement and the minimum graduate degree credit requirement. Courses without the graduate attribute, taken as a UW-Madison University Special student or a UW-Madison graduate student in another graduate program, must be approved by the PhD Program Chair. Coursework earned more than 5 years prior to admission to the PhD program may not be used to satisfy degree credit minimums.

PROBATION
This program follows the Graduate School’s Probation policy. (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1217/)

ADVISOR / COMMITTEE
This program follows the Graduate School’s Advisor policy (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1232/) and the Graduate School’s Committees policy (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1201/).

CREDITS PER TERM ALLOWED
15 credits

TIME LIMITS
Coursework earned more than 5 years prior to admission to the PhD program may not be used to satisfy degree credit minimums.

This program otherwise follows the Graduate School’s Time Limits policy. (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1221/)

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/)
  - Dean of Students Office (https://doso.students.wisc.edu/) (for all students to seek grievance assistance and support)
- 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 of Student Conduct and Community Standards (https://conduct.students.wisc.edu/) (for conflicts involving students)
- 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. They may also contact the L&S Academic Divisional Associate Deans, the L&S Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning Administration, or the L&S Director of Human Resources.

OTHER
A Joint MSW/PhD option is available for students without an MSW. Students with another master’s degree may choose the Joint or PhD only option.