

# 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. <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216/</a> )
Undergraduate Credits Earned at Other Institutions or UW-Madison	Refer to the Graduate School: Transfer Credits for Prior Coursework policy. <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216/</a> )
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. <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216/</a> )
Credits Earned as a University Special Student at UW-Madison	Refer to the Graduate School: Transfer Credits for Prior Coursework policy. <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216/</a> )
Probation	Refer to the Graduate School: Probation policy. <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1217">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1217</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1217/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1217/</a> )
Advisor / Committee	Refer to the Graduate School: Advisor ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1232">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1232</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1232/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1232/</a> )) and Graduate School: Committees (Doctoral/Master's/MFA) ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1201">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1201</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1201/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1201/</a> )) policies.
Credits Per Term Allowed	15 credit maximum. Refer to the Graduate School: Maximum Credit Loads and Overload Requests policy. <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1228">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1228</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1228/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1228/</a> )

Time Limits	Refer to the Graduate School: Time Limits policy. <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1221">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1221</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1221/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1221/</a> )
Grievances and Appeals	Refer to School/College and program policy.
Other	Each program may have unique policies. Refer to individual program Guide pages.

### REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy. <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/</a> )
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy. <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/</a> )
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/>).