

Master's Degree Policies

Concurrent Master's Degrees

A student may be allowed to work at satisfying the requirements of two graduate degrees concurrently. A maximum of 10 graduate credits of course work can be applied to both programs of study as approved by all members of both supervisory committees, the two program administrators, and the Graduate College. A student pursuing multiple graduate degrees must

- Apply and be accepted to both degree programs
- File a plan of study for each program
- Complete all academic program requirements
- Complete all Graduate College requirements
- Maintain continuous enrollment in each program
- Successfully complete the master's thesis, paper, or culminating experience for each degree program
 - If each program requires a master's paper, thesis, or culminating work, they must differ substantially and must result from substantial work completed independently in each discipline.
- Successfully complete any final examination as required for each program

Master's Degree with Two Major Areas

A student may pursue one master's degree with two major areas. Such a program must have the concurrent recommendation of the administrators of the two programs. The Plan of Study shall clearly delineate the course work required for each major area.

- A minimum of 40 credit hours is required, including at least 14 graduate course credits in each of the two major areas.
- No more than 10 of the required 40 credits shall be research credits under the Plan A masters, while no more than four of the required 40 credits shall be paper credits under the Plan B master's.
- The student is required to conduct interdisciplinary scholarly work culminating in one master's paper or thesis acceptable in both major areas.