



University Community (faculty, graduate students and University Graduate School administration)

SUBJECT (R*)	EFFECTIVE DATE (R*)	POLICY NUMBER (O*)
UNIVERSITY MASTERS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS	June 2012	380.065

POLICY STATEMENT (R*)

Credit Requirements

Programs leading to a master’s degree require at least 30 semester graduate credit hours of non-thesis work.

Coursework Level

Masters programs normally make use of courses at the 5000 and 6000 levels. No undergraduate courses may count toward meeting the degree requirements of a master’s degree except undergraduate courses taken as part of an accelerated master’s degree program. No course counted toward a student’s undergraduate degree may be included in that student’s master’s degree program excepting those 5000 level courses specifically approved for a combined bachelor/master’s program.

Examinations

The University has no requirement for candidacy or candidacy examinations at the master’s and specialist’s level. However, individual programs may require comprehensive oral and/or written examinations. If such requirements exist they must be specified in the catalog and the policies and procedures manuals for those programs.

Thesis

If a thesis is required as part of a master’s program, this requirement must be clearly stated in the catalog and the policies and procedures manual for the degree program. In such cases all of the University policies and procedures governing theses shall apply including the requirement that the thesis must be defended publicly at the announced time consistent with University policies.

HISTORY (R*)

Originally 3.3.2 REQUIRED CREDIT HOURS: MASTERS DEGREE (effective 3/28/89); 3.4.2 CANDIDACY EXAMINATION: MASTERS DEGREE (effective 3/28/89); 3.5.2 DISSERTATION AND THESIS REQUIREMENTS: MASTERS DEGREE (effective 3/28/89); 7.1 DEFINITION (effective 2/28/89) from *Graduate Policies and Procedures Manual*.

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