

# GRADUATE DEGREE PLAN INFORMATION

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## Degree Program

A graduate student's degree plan consists of the courses listed for degree credit on the official degree plan form. To fulfill degree requirements, all courses on the approved plan must be completed with a satisfactory grade. Any changes to an approved degree plan require a formal recommendation from the student's advisory committee or graduate coordinator, as well as approval from the chair of the major department and the dean of the Graduate School.

Courses in which a student has received a final grade and that are designated for graduate credit on the approved degree plan cannot typically be removed from the plan. However, additional eligible courses may be added. Any exceptions to this policy must be approved by the advisory committee or graduate coordinator, the department chair or college dean, and the dean of the Graduate School.

## Degree Major

All graduate degrees require a minimum of 18 semester credit hours in the student's major field of study, except for the Master of Science in Liberal Studies. Some graduate programs may require up to 24 semester credit hours of undergraduate coursework in the discipline as a prerequisite. Students should refer to their program handbook for specific requirements and expectations.

To ensure adequate preparation and success, students are strongly encouraged to consult with a graduate program advisor. Each program establishes its own academic standards, and any exceptions must be approved by the graduate program coordinator or department chair.