

# MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM OF STUDY

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In consultation with the advisor or the supervisory committee, the master's student plans a program of study in accordance with the minimum requirements outlined in the SGS Academic Regulations and the specific degree program requirements. Upon approval from the advisor and/or supervisory committee and unit graduate officer, programs of study should be approved by the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and filed with the Registrar prior to the completion of 50% of applicable degree coursework.

Master's degree programs of study must include a minimum of 30 graduate credits. No more than 40 percent of the credits on the program may be 300- and 400-level courses. At least 60 percent of the credits must be at the 5000 level or higher. Further, up to six credits may be allowed for Research and Thesis (5599). Other demonstrations of skills considered by the department or school as comparable to the thesis may be accepted. No more than 40 percent of the courses applied toward a master's degree program of study may be in the categories of non-thesis research, directed studies, readings or research and thesis. Such courses normally fall in the 5500 to 5599 range, but the numerical designations may vary among academic units.

Plan of study forms are available from the program director or academic unit.

## **Program Changes**

Subsequent changes in the program of study must be approved by the student's advisor and/or supervisory committee, the unit graduate officer, and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, and be submitted to the Registrar. If cumulative changes in courses or degree requirements exceed four, a new program of study should be filed.