

transfers to a third degree are not permitted.

With approval of the units involved and the Graduate School, students may simultaneously pursue two master's degrees under the following conditions:

- (a) No more than one-third of the credit hours required by either program may be applied to both programs;
- (b) Students must obtain approval of both units before completing 12 hours in either program.

Multi-disciplinary programs may seek programmatic exceptions to the one-third limit when the program undergoes the approval process by addressing specific allowable transfers between those two degree programs.

8.8. The Master's Degree for Doctoral Students

Doctoral students may receive a master's degree in their unit for work they have completed toward a doctoral degree. The unit establishes the requirements for such a master's degree. However, the requirements should, in principle, be similar to those for other master's degrees offered by the unit.

Doctoral and educational specialist students may also receive a master's degree for work they have completed toward to a doctoral or Ed.S. degree in another unit provided (a) they apply no more than two-thirds of the master's degree courses to their doctoral degree program; (b) they have been admitted to the master's degree program; and (c) they have obtained the approval of the advisors from both programs and from the Graduate School. Credit from the master's degree must constitute less than half the total credits required for the doctorate.

Multi-disciplinary programs may seek programmatic exceptions to these limits when the program undergoes the approval process.

8.9. Filing the Master's Degree Program

A master's degree student enrolled shall file an approved program plan with the Graduate School before completing the first two-thirds of the credit hours required in the program. Students may petition the dean of the Graduate School to change the degree program after it has been filed.

8.10. Master's Comprehensive Examination, Scholarly Paper, or Exit Project

Each unit requiring a comprehensive examination for the master's degree informs the Graduate School of (a) the number of times the unit will allow its students to take a comprehensive examination, and (b) the period of time that the unit will allow between the first and final attempt to pass the examination.

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8.11. Master's Thesis

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Master's degree students who write a thesis must submit to the dean of the Graduate School one copy of the thesis by the posted university deadline, normally six weeks before the end of the term in which graduation is sought. The chairperson of the thesis committee is responsible for verifying that the final draft of the thesis is acceptable to the Graduate Dean and the thesis committee.

Students shall disseminate the thesis according to current Graduate School procedures.

8.12 Application for Master's Degree

To receive the master's degree, students who have met all degree requirements shall apply for graduation by the end of the fourth week of classes during the fall or spring term or by the first day of the eight-week session during the summer term.

9.0 DOCTORAL DEGREES