

**College of Graduate Studies
Proposed Catalog Changes
Effective Summer 2020**

Master's Degrees

Credits

All master's degree programs require a minimum of 30 credits. Some master's degree programs may require more. Additional work may be stipulated in individual cases to meet particular objectives or need for additional background. Courses used toward an undergraduate degree, professional development courses, or courses on a professional development transcript are not available to be used toward a graduate degree.

No more than three credits of workshop or workshop equivalent courses may be used toward the graduate degree.

Credit in course 500 (Master's Research and Thesis) [or 600 \(Dissertation\)](#) cannot be counted toward a non-thesis master's degree. Although no limit is imposed on the number of credits that may be earned in course 500 for degrees with thesis, only a maximum of 10 credits in course 500 in the major of the degree can be used to fulfill master's degree requirements (a lower limit may be set by the program). Up to ~~five~~[six](#) credits of course 599 (Non-thesis Research) are allowed to count towards a non-thesis master's degree; however, if a thesis option exists for the program, no more credits of course 599 are allowed toward the non-thesis master's degree than half the number of credits allowed for course 500 toward the program's master's degree.

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Doctoral Degrees

Requirements for Doctoral Degrees

Credit Requirements

For the Ph.D. and Ed.D., a minimum of 78 credits beyond the bachelor's degree is required; of these, at least 52 credits must be at the 500 level or above and at least 33 of the 78 credits must be in courses other than 600 (Doctoral Research and Dissertation). A maximum of 45 credits in dissertation ~~and 5~~ [including 6](#) credits of 599 (Non-thesis Research) [or 500 \(Master's Research and Thesis\)](#) may be used toward the degree. For the D.A.T., a minimum of 66 credits are required ~~(including all dissertation work).~~ [and follow a prescribed set of courses set by the program.](#)

Courses numbered below 300 may not be used to fulfill the requirements for a doctoral degree; courses numbered 300-399 may be used only in supporting areas [and are not to be used to make up deficiencies](#). Individual programs may require additional course work. Applicants having a doctoral degree may obtain a second doctoral degree subject to the approval of the Graduate Council. The Graduate Council will establish the requirements for the second degree.

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1. Add the following language to the catalog at the end of the College of Graduate Studies – Overview section:

Non-degree Enrollment in the College of Graduate Studies

A non-degree student may register for graduate level courses if they have earned an undergraduate or graduate degree with a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher. Students desiring to register in graduate level courses should send a copy of their transcript showing degree date and GPA to the College of Graduate Studies (cogs-forms@uidaho.edu) to have the block on 500-level courses removed. Students desiring to have graduate level courses taken as a non-degree student placed on a graduate transcript must follow the policies on reserving courses for the graduate transcript.

Reserving Non-Degree Courses for the Graduate Transcript

Students desiring to move courses from their non-degree transcript to a graduate transcript may do so by filing the Credit Reservation Form with the College of Graduate Studies. Courses from the non-degree record may be moved to a graduate transcript if they meet the following criteria 1) the student has a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or greater; 2) the course is at the 400 level or higher; 3) the grade in the course is A, B or Pass. No more than 12 credits of non-degree work can be moved to the graduate transcript under this policy. The combined total of transfer credits, correspondence credits, non-degree credits, credits moved from an undergraduate transcript that were not used toward an undergraduate degree, and approved credits more than eight years old at the time the degree is awarded shall not exceed 12 credits for master's programs designated as requiring 36 or fewer credits, and shall not exceed one-third of the total credits in designated programs requiring more than 36 credits.

Students are responsible to initiate the course reservation process as soon as they enter a graduate program. Courses will not be reserved until final grades for the term have been posted. All courses placed on the graduate transcript, regardless of course level, will be assessed graduate fees.