

Required Steps for the MASTER'S DEGREE

ACTION	INITIATED THROUGH	SUBMITTED TO	TIME	
1	Plan courses for degree	Graduate Advisor	Graduate Advisor	Prior to registration
2	Set up thesis advisory committee and title, if applicable	Graduate Advisor	Graduate Advisor	Prior to filing "Program for the Master's Degree and Admission to Candidacy" form
3	File "PROGRAM FOR THE MASTER'S DEGREE AND ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY" form (Not to be confused with the "Statement of Intention to Graduate" form, see #6 below)	Graduate Advisor or Chair, Advisory Committee	Graduate School Enrollment Management	After first semester of master's coursework, no later than the posted deadline
4	File changes in degree program, as necessary	Graduate Advisor or Chair, Advisory Committee	Graduate School Enrollment Management	As needed
5	Enroll in semester of graduation (at least 3 hours of thesis, if defending thesis)	Graduate Advisor or Chair, Advisory Committee	Registrar	Semester of graduation
6	File "STATEMENT OF INTENTION TO GRADUATE" form, including official title of thesis, if applicable. (Not to be confused with the "Program for Master's Degree and Admission to Candidacy" form see #3 above)	Student	Graduate School Enrollment Management	Semester of graduation (One must be filed for each intended graduation semester)
7	Schedule final comprehensive examination and/or defense. Send email to the Thesis Coordinator indicating the time and date of the defense.	Student	Graduate School Thesis Coordinator	Semester of graduation (usually about 6 weeks before graduation)
8	After the exam, the advisor sends REPORT ON COMPREHENSIVE EXAM FORM to Enrollment Management.	Graduate Advisor (non-thesis option)	Graduate School Enrollment Management	By posted deadline
9	After defense, obtain committee signatures on the ORAL DEFENSE and THESIS-DISSERTATION APPROVAL FORM and submit to Graduate School	Student (thesis option)	Graduate School Thesis Coordinator	Prior to deadline during semester of graduation
10	Pay Thesis-Dissertation fee, if applicable	Student (thesis option)	Student Business Services	Prior to deadline during semester of graduation
11	After incorporating committee changes, submit .pdf file of thesis to the ETD site for official review	Student (thesis option)	Graduate School Thesis Coordinator	Semester of graduation (usually 5 weeks before graduation date)
12	Final grade for thesis hours (A or B) Grade will be "CR" until final semester	Chair, Advisory Committee	Registrar Final grade roll	End of semester
13	Submit official .pdf of thesis to ETD web site (MM students submit PDF programs to ETD site and turn CDs of performances in to the Graduate School)	Student	Graduate School Thesis Coordinator	Prior to deadline