Master’s Degree Requirements—UPDATED April 4, 2016 for Accreditation Compliance

Minimum Hours

A minimum of thirty (30) hours is required for a master’s degree, at least sixteen (16) hours of which must be at the 6000 level or above (no 7000 level above for master’s students); the remaining hours must be at the 5000 level or above. At least twenty (20) hours must be in formal, regularly scheduled course work, ten (10) of which must be at the 6000 level.

Lower level undergraduate coursework may not be used to satisfy master’s course requirements but may be taken to meet specific prerequisites. All graduate and undergraduate courses taken as a graduate student will be included in the computation of the overall GPA, whether or not they count toward the minimum hours for the degree. Graduate students may not enroll for more than 18 hours in any semester without written permission from the College Dean. The minimum number of credit hours required for each individual’s master’s degree program is noted in the degree requirements section of the Graduate Catalog for that program listing. Programs with formally approved concentrations must have major core requirements that all students must successfully complete.