**From the Graduate Policy Committee**

Previously approved: To qualify for a master’s degree, the student must complete a minimum of thirty semester hours.

* Already applied to thesis-type programs in the past
* Now also applies to non-thesis type programs, starting Fall 2018

Motion: To qualify for a master’s degree, the student must complete a minimum of thirty semester hours of graduate credit (5000-level or above). For thesis-type programs, six of these credits must be thesis credits.

* Suggested implementation date for the part about GRADUATE credits: Fall 2019

Bulletin edits to be made:

**Types of Programs (Graduate Bulletin, p. 76)**

There are two types of programs by which a student may secure a master’s degree: the thesis type and the course type. It is optional with any department whether it requires all majors to proceed under one or the other type, or wheth­er it permits individual students to choose between them. For specific informa­tion, consult the appropriate departmental section of this Graduate Bulletin.

Thesis-Type Program. To qualify for a master’s degree under this program, the student must complete a minimum of thirty semester hours of graduate credit (5000-level or above) in­cluding thesis credit. At least eighteen of these hours must be taken on a letter-grade basis (A, B, C). The minimum number of thesis hours for completion of a master’s degree shall be six hours.

Course-Type Program. To qualify for a master’s degree under this program, the student must complete a minimum of thirty semester hours of graduate course­work (5000-level or above). At least twenty-one of these hours must be taken on a letter-grade basis (A, B, C).

**General Course Requirements (Graduate Bulletin, p. 76)**

The distribution of hours among 4000-, 5000-, and 6000- level courses and above is determined by the college or school of the student’s major de­partment. Only courses numbered 5000 and above are normally to be taken by graduate students. A graduate student’s directive committee or department may, however, permit the student to take specified 4000 level courses in the degree program. Such 4000 level courses may be credited toward a graduate degree, but cannot count in a student’s minimum thirty total semester hours of graduate credit or graduate GPA.

**Graduation of Master’s and Doctoral Students (Graduate Bulletin, p. 81)**

**Academic Standards**

A graduate student is not eligible for conferral of a degree unless the cu­mulative grade point average is at least 3.0 in formal graduate courses (5000-level or above). 4000 level courses may be credited toward a graduate degree, but cannot count in a student’s minimum thirty total semester hours of graduate credit or graduate GPA. No course hours with a grade below “C–” will be credited on the graduate degree; all grades in graduate courses except those for which grades of “S” or “U” are given or those conferred under the provision for repeating a course will be included in computation of the average. All conditions of admission must be met; in addition, there are usually other departmental requirements which must be met.

**Master’s Degree Requirements (Graduate Bulletin, p. 101)**

Master’s degree students must complete their program of study within seven calendar years from the time of initial registration; master’s students do not, however, have to meet a specific residency requirement. A thesis-type master’s program requires a minimum of thirty semester hours of graduate credit (5000-level or above), six of which must be thesis credits. A course-type master’s program requires a minimum of thirty semester hours of graduate course­work (5000-level or above). A student who enrolls in thesis hours need not be enrolled continuously thereafter in thesis hours if they meet the minimum University requirement for full-time or part-time enrollment through other coursework. The minimum number of thesis hours required for the master’s degree is six. Students who have left the campus must register for at least two semester hours of thesis credit per term as long as they are receiving faculty supervision. Master’s students should consult regularly with their supervising professor about progress toward the degree.