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## Grade, Credit, and Time Requirements for Graduate Studies



### Grade, Credit, and Time Requirements (Master's Degree)

- Each degree candidate must present acceptable grades in coursework specified for a curriculum. Grades must average B or better, both over-all and in the major field. No more than 6 semester hours with a grade of C may be applied toward the fulfillment of degree requirements. A student who earns a third C becomes ineligible to continue in graduate school. In no case may a student earn more than 6 credit hours carrying a grade of C. Some departments have higher grade requirements.
- At least one-half of the minimum number of semester hours required in the student's curriculum (not including thesis credit) must be taken in courses limited to graduate students.
- Upon satisfactory completion of a thesis, a total of 6 hours of thesis credit will be applied towards the fulfillment of degree requirements in appropriate programs.
- A student who does not present a thesis must complete a minimum of 30 semester hours of coursework.
- To apply toward a master's degree, course credit must be earned within six calendar years. All grades received, even those earned in courses over six years old, are used in computing grade-point averages for graduate work.
- All degree regulations must be completed within six calendar years following admission to a master's program. Admission is defined as the first semester the student is enrolled in a master's program at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.
- A maximum of 6 semester hours of graduate credit for application toward the master's degree may be earned in courses in the sequence 497-498, 597-598, and 697-698 or in other individual or special studies courses.

### Grade, Credit, and Time Requirements (Doctor of Philosophy)

- Each degree candidate must complete at least 72 hours of graduate credit subsequent to earning the bachelor's degree; at least 48 of these hours must be in non-dissertation course work. It is the student's responsibility to contact the graduate advisor to determine the acceptability of previous coursework. **The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools requires that the majority of the credits applied toward the degree be earned through instruction at the institution granting the degree.**
- Each degree candidate must present acceptable grades in the coursework specified for the curriculum. Grades must average B or better, both overall and in the major field. No more than one course in which a grade of C has been earned may be applied toward the fulfillment of degree requirements.
- At least one-half of the minimum semester hours required of each degree candidate (not including dissertation credit) must be in courses limited to graduate students. In some instances (for example, mathematics) the student may be required to earn a higher percentage of semester hours in courses at the 500 and 600 levels.
- Upon satisfactory completion of the dissertation, a minimum of 24 semester hours of dissertation credit will be applied toward the completion of degree requirements.

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