

Master's Degree General Requirements

The following are general degree requirements for any master's degree at FAU. Students should consult the portion of the catalog dealing with their chosen program for any special or additional requirements.

1. A minimum of 30 graduate-level credits is required for any master's degree.
2. At least one-half of the credits included in any master's degree program shall be designated as 6000-level courses or above.
3. At least one-half of the credits offered for any master's degree shall be in a single field of concentration.
4. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 is required on all work attempted in a graduate program.
5. If a required thesis or dissertation deals with any federally mandated compliance issues, approval by the appropriate University committee prior to the collection of data is required. Contact the Division of Research for information (561-297-0777).

Master of Arts or Master of Science Degree Requirements

1. A thesis may be required under the supervision of a major professor and a graduate committee, appointed specially for each student by the chair of the major department and with the approval of the dean of the student's college. The thesis must be an original work in the student's major area of specialization. The form of the thesis will follow requirements specified by the college in which it was written; the thesis must follow the Requirements for Graduate Thesis and Dissertation Guidelines, available on the Graduate College [website](#). In general the thesis will comply with the publication requirements of the student's major field. One copy of the thesis is required by the University. Students should check with their graduate advisors concerning the number of additional copies requested by the college. All students submitting master's theses or dissertations will be required to submit an electronic copy to the University library using the library's online submission website. In the case of programs that offer a non-thesis option, these specifications for a thesis do not apply.

2. If required, the student must demonstrate reading knowledge of a foreign language appropriate to the student's area of specialization as determined by the college awarding the degree.

3. The student must complete a minimum of 30 graduate-level credits beyond the requirements of the bachelor's degree, of which at least 6 credits must be in graduate-level courses in the major. For thesis students, thesis course credit is in addition to this requirement in the major and is determined by the major department. Non-thesis students must complete at least 12 credits in graduate-level courses in their major.

4. A college or department may impose such additional requirements as the faculty may consider desirable, e.g., courses in research methodology, orientation examinations, qualifying examinations or oral examinations in defense of the thesis.

Master of Arts in Teaching or Master of Science in Teaching Requirements

The University offers the Master of Arts in Teaching degree in the following disciplines: Anthropology, English, French, Geography, Political Science and Spanish.

The University offers the Master of Science in Teaching degree in the following disciplines: Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Economics, Mathematical Sciences and Physics.

Admission Requirements

For admission requirements for these degrees see the Graduate Degree Program Information heading in the appropriate college section in this catalog.

Degree Requirements

1. A minimum of 30 graduate-level credits (excluding internship) beyond the baccalaureate is required.

These include:

a. A minimum of 18 credits in the major subject, of which 12 must be in graduate-level courses;

b. A minimum of 6 credits involving the study and report of a significant instructional problem in the major discipline. The thesis may be waived and coursework substituted by the supervisory committee or advisor.

2. An internship worth 6 credits is required.

Second Master's Degree Requirements

A second master's degree will be conferred upon the same individual if **the second degree represents at least 30 graduate-level credits of additional work in** residence and if all of the requirements of the college awarding the degree have been fully met.

Doctoral Degree Requirements

Doctoral degrees require at least 72 graduate-level credits beyond the baccalaureate degree. For specific requirements of individual doctoral programs, see the Doctoral Degree Program Information heading in the appropriate college section. For doctoral requirements in the College of Education, see the following headings: Specialist's Degree Program Information and Doctoral Degree Program Information. These graduate credits must be taken as part of an approved graduate program of study. Some programs require considerably more than the minimum of 72 credits because of the nature of the discipline and the standards of the associated profession.

Second Doctoral Degree Requirements

A second doctoral degree will be conferred upon the same individual if the second degree represents **at least 72 graduate-level credits of additional work in residence** and if all of the requirements of the college awarding the degree have been met.