OVERVIEW
Did you know you can earn a master’s “along the way” (MALW) to your doctorate in select graduate programs? Also known as a Master’s en Passant, the master’s along the way is an effective way to pick up a master’s degree in your doctoral discipline. If you are currently enrolled in a doctoral program at FAU, speak to your academic advisor to see if a master’s along the way is an option for you!

INSTRUCTIONS
In order to obtain a MALW, students are required to complete the following:

1. **Consult with your Advisor:** To verify that the MALW is an option in their doctoral program under the following criteria:
   - Graduate students must be in good academic standing and actively enrolled in a doctoral program
   - The MALW must be in the same field as the doctoral program
   - The MALW Plan of Study (POS) must meet all requirements for the master’s degree as outlined in the FAU course catalog.

2. **Submit your POS for a master’s degree:** After consulting with their advisor, and after most of the master’s degree requirements are complete, a student has two options to submit their MALW POS:
   - **Option 1:** Create a separate POS for the MALW and include all courses from the doctoral program that will count towards the master’s degree. Check the “MALW” box on the master’s POS.
   - **Option 2:** Submit a doctoral POS that includes the text “MALW” by each course title that will count for the master’s degree. Check the “MALW” box on the doctoral POS.

   *Please Note:* Students should seek the advice of their department before choosing a MALW POS option. Departments may have additional requirements and instructions.

3. **Submit an MALW Application for Degree:** After consulting with their advisor and submitting an MALW POS for approval, students should submit their MALW application at the beginning of the semester in which they plan to get the MALW degree awarded
   - Submit the Application for Degree electronically via [https://www.fau.edu/registrar/graduation/deg_app_cert.php](https://www.fau.edu/registrar/graduation/deg_app_cert.php) by the deadline indicated on the University Calendar at [https://www.fau.edu/registrar/registration/calendar.php](https://www.fau.edu/registrar/registration/calendar.php)

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