# **Grad Council Policy Committee Research – 92911- Program Hours (maximums)**

## Program Hours

Rutgers	Regarding the maximum number of courses listed for masters, EDS and doctorates
	I could not find indication of maximum program hours for any of these at Rutgers
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U.F.	Main catalog for graduate degrees (General Regulations) –
	Master's degree – At least 30 credits as a graduate student
	Ph.D – Requires at least 90 credits beyond the bachelor's degree
	Doctor of Audiology – 125 credits for students with a bachelor's degree
	Doctor of Education – Requires at least 90 credits beyond the bachelor's degree
	*No upper limit set for Ph.D students.
	Some Credit hours for Ph.D Programs:
	Animal Molecular and Cellular Biology
	Biology Department – Botany
	Biology Department – Zoology
	Chemistry Department
	History Department
	Mathematics Department
	Psychology Department
	Classics Department – 90hrs Max
	Sociology and Criminology & Law Department – at least 66 hrs
	There are very few programs from my research that have set an upper limit for graduate credit hours. Most of the sites refer back to the general regulations for graduate students.
UCI	Here is a link to a pdf document with all the information requested: <a href="http://www.grad.uci.edu/forms/academic/time_to_degree.pdf">http://www.grad.uci.edu/forms/academic/time_to_degree.pdf</a> Note – the pdf pertains to time limit
SUNY – NY	Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy at the State University of New York-Buffalo
	http://financialaid.buffalo.edu/graduate/graduatesap.php
	-Financial Aid Office conducts a progress review of all financial aid recipients each semester
	-Review includes all terms enrolled, not just the current semester
	-Components of the review:

-Good academic standing

-Timely progress toward degree completion as defined by the university/graduate school

- Masters: Four years from term of admission to the graduate program with no applicable coursework more than seven years old
- Doctoral: All coursework completed within seven years (the Graduate Catalog requires that the Graduate School
  conduct annual reviews of all doctoral students to insure that students are making adequate progress toward degree)
- Student must successfully complete at least 75% of all cumulative attempted credit hours in order to remain eligible

### Academic Progress <a href="http://www.grad.buffalo.edu/policies/progress.php">http://www.grad.buffalo.edu/policies/progress.php</a>

An academic progress standard has been established for each level of study (Undergraduate, Graduate, etc.) throughout the SUNY system. Academic progress guidelines require completion of a minimum number of hours at a minimum grade point average in order to be eligible to receive State financial assistance. The following chart lists these standards for graduate students.

Standard of Satisfactory Academic Progress for Purpose of Determining Eligibility for Student Aid All Campuses—State University of New York All Graduate Level Programs Except Professional (Semester Calendar)									
Before being certified for payment	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth	
A Student must have accrued at least this many credits*	0	6	12	21	30	45	60	75	
With at least this grade point average	0	2.0	2.5	2.75	2.75	3.0	3.0	3.0	

\*This includes successful completion of credit-equivalent work as set forth in 145-2.1 of the Commissioner's Regulations.

Please note that the standards reflected in the chart are for use in determining eligibility for State financial assistance for graduate students only; standards for students in professional programs may vary. Professional students should check with their Dean's office for further information. Please note that the academic standards used by the University at Buffalo to determine good standing are significantly higher than NY State aid eligibility academic standards. It is unlikely, therefore, that State financial assistance will be lost under this provision while students attend the University at Buffalo.

NC State and	Program Hours
UCF	North Carolina State University
	http://policies.ncsu.edu/regulation/reg-02-25-5
	Undergrad
	3.1.2.1c Has attempted no more than 150% of the required number of credit hours necessary for completion of the first undergraduate degree (constituting approximately 180 credit hours). Attempted hours include all transfer courses accepted for credit towards the NC State degree, withdrawals, dropped courses, remedial courses (if countable towards a degree), repeated courses, courses with incompletes or failing grades, and audited or no credit courses. Students who receive financial aid and withdraw or drop hours after the census date of each semester/term will be held accountable for hours attempted but not passed during that semester/term. Students who are denied financial aid because they have not met the above conditions should follow the Guidelines for Reinstatement of Financial Aid Eligibility in section 5 of this regulation.
	Grad (did not address hours)
	<ul> <li>4. GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM STUDENTS</li> <li>4.1 A graduate or professional program student (including Doctoral of Veterinary Medicine student) is considered to be making satisfactory progress if he/she is not on academic probation, and is eligible to continue in his/her program as of the end of each semester.</li> </ul>
	Master of Arts and Master of Science 1.1. Students in the Master of Arts and Master of Science programs follow the individual program and Graduate School requirements that were in effect when they entered the program. 1.2. The following are minimum requirements for a degree in Master of Science and Master of Arts degree programs: 1.2.1. A minimum of 30 semester hours of graduate work in the degree program, unless the specific program requires more hours.
	Doctoral Degrees 5.2.2. Doctoral degrees at North Carolina State University require a minimum of 72 graduate credit hours beyond the Bachelor's degree.

## **University of Central Florida**

#### Master's

1) Total Credit Hours Required: (Env. Engineering)

30 Credit Hours Minimum beyond the Bachelor's Degree

The Environmental Engineering MSEnvE program offers both thesis and non-thesis options. Students choosing the thesis option must take 15 credit hours of required courses, 9 credit hours of electives, and 6 thesis credit hours. Students choosing the non-thesis option must take 15 credit hours of required courses, 15 credit hours of electives, and pass a comprehensive final examination before graduating.

- 2) The total hours required for the Master's in Business Administration is 39 credit hours minimum of which 30 credit hours are core courses and 9 credit hours are electives.
- 3) The History MA program requires a minimum of **36 credit hours** beyond the bachelor's degree, including 6 credit hours of core courses, 18 credit hours in an area of specialization, and 6 credit hours of electives outside of the area of specialization. 18 hours of the 36 required must be at the 6000 level.
- 4) Public Administration MPA Total Credit Hours Required: 42 Credit Hours Minimum beyond the Bachelor's Degree
- 5) Nurse Practitioner Total Credit Hours Required:
- 47 Credit Hours Minimum beyond the Bachelor's Degree
  - 6) Counselor Education MEd program requires a minimum of 51 credit hours beyond the bachelor's degree
  - 7) Clinical Psychology MA Total Credit Hours Required:
- 47 Credit Hours Minimum beyond the Bachelor's Degree
  - 8) The Communication Sciences and Disorders MA program consists of a minimum of **72 credit hours**, including 35 credit hours of core academic courses, 9 credit hours of electives, and 28 credit hours of clinical practice.

#### **Specialist**

- 1) Educational Specialist Min 36 hrs beyond bachelor's
- 2) Doctor of Nursing Practice Total Credit Hours Required:80 Credit Hours Minimum beyond the Bachelor's Degree

#### **Doctoral**

- Each doctoral program of study will include a minimum of 72 semester hours of graduate credit beyond the baccalaureate degree or a minimum of 42 semester hours of graduate credit beyond the master's degree; 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 hours because of the nature of the discipline and the standards of the associated profession.
- ☑ All graduate credit in a doctoral program must be at 5000 level or higher.
- ☑ At least one-half of the credit hours used to meet program requirements must be in 6000-level or 7000-level courses, including the allowed number of research and dissertation hours.
- ② Only graduate-level credit with a grade of "C-" or higher may be used to satisfy degree requirements.

### Master's, Specialist and Doctoral - Program Eligibility Chart for Fall & Spring

(For Master's thesis & Doctoral dissertation students, see chart below.)

	PROGRAM NAME	Minimum Hours Required Per Term	Dual/ Transient Hours Acceptable?	Remedial Hours Acceptable?	Satisfactory Academic Progress Required?	Other Renewal Requirements?	FAFSA Required?
Other Awards	PERKINS LOAN	4.5	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
	STAFFORD LOAN	4.5	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
	COLLEGE WORKSTUDY	4.5	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES
	Graduate PLUS Loan**	4.5	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES

Master's thesis & Doctoral dissertation students- Program Eligibility Chart for Fall and Spring

	PROGRAM NAME	Minimum Hours Required Per Term	Dual/ Transient Hours Acceptable?	Remedial Hours Acceptable?	Satisfactory Academic Progress Required?	Other Renewal Requirements?	FASFA Required?
Other Awards	PERKINS LOAN	3	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
	STAFFORD LOAN	3	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES
	COLLEGE WORKSTUDY	3	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES
	Graduate PLUS Loan**	3	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES

<sup>\*\* =</sup> Personal Credit based award