

**Policy Summary for:**  
***Application of Graduate Credits to Degree Requirements***  
**Effective dates: Fall 2011 through Summer 2018**

The following is a summary of the University's *Application of Graduate Credits to Degree Requirements* policy, which **applies to students first matriculated in their graduate program between Fall 2011 and Summer 2018, and who maintained active student status.**

***Important:*** *Students first matriculated in their graduate program fall 2018 and later must follow the University's Application of Credits for Students Earning Graduate Degrees policy. Please refer to the new policy on the University Policy Library website.*

1. Graduate credits taken before the award of a baccalaureate degree may not be counted toward a graduate degree.
  - Exception: Students pursuing Regents-approved integrated undergraduate/master's degrees.
2. A maximum of eight graduate course credits may be counted in common between two University master's degrees.
  - Exception: Students pursuing Regents-approved joint/dual degree programs.
3. Approved graduate course credits may be counted in common between a University doctoral and master's degree in same program.
4. Plan A thesis credits (8777) and doctoral thesis credits (8888) in the same program
  - can be counted toward either the Plan A master's or the doctoral degree thesis credit requirement, but not both; and
  - may be used to meet the Plan B master's project credit requirement.
5. Plan B project credits may count only toward the Plan B master's degree requirements.
6. A minimum of 60% of total course credits (not including thesis credits) required for a specific master's degree must be taken at the University.
  - Can include up to 12 graduate course credits taken as a non-degree seeking or non-admitted status.
  - Transfer of thesis credits is not allowed.
7. Individual programs may determine, on a case-by-case basis, how many transfer course credits doctoral students may apply toward their degree requirement. However, doctoral students must take a minimum of 12 University course credits.
  - Up to 12 graduate course credits taken as a non-degree seeking or non-admitted status can be applied toward degree requirements.
  - Transfer of thesis credits is not allowed.
8. Graduate course credits taken at a non-US institution must have been earned in a program judged by the University graduate program to be comparable to graduate degree program of a regionally accredited institution in the US.
9. Graduate course credits earned while enrolled in one University graduate program may be applied to another University graduate program.

- The number of credits accepted is determined by the graduate program to which the student is applying.
- Earned master's thesis credits (8777) and doctoral thesis credits (8888) in one University graduate program cannot be applied to the thesis credit requirement for another University graduate program.

10. A maximum of nine 4-level course credits may be used to satisfy the master's or doctoral credit requirement. Graduate programs may impose a lower maximum.

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