

Requirements for Master's Degrees

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In addition to the following general requirements special requirements for the various disciplines are listed under the heading of the appropriate department/program.

I. Degrees of Master of Arts and Master of Science

- A. The chairperson of the department/program committee in which the student concentrates will plan and approve the student's program.
- B. A minimum residence period may be required at the discretion of a department/program, subject to the approval of the Committee on Graduate Studies.
- C. Each student must satisfy the language requirements (if required) prescribed by the department/program committee under which he or she is enrolled. The manner of fulfillment of language requirements shall be at the discretion of the department/program committee subject to the approval of the Committee on Graduate Studies.
- D. Students submitting a thesis must successfully complete at least 24 semester hours of graduate credit, of which at least 12 must be earned in courses numbered 600 or above (except 700 - Thesis). Students not submitting a thesis must successfully complete eight additional semester hours of graduate course work in courses numbered 600 or above, totaling 32 semester hours. Each student must achieve a quality point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in all courses undertaken for graduate credit at the College of William and Mary after admission to a degree program. No credit toward a degree will be allowed for a course in which a student receives a grade below C.
- E. If submitting a thesis, it must be approved by the chairperson of the department/program committee of concentration, and by each member of the student's thesis committee. A thesis committee shall be named by the Dean of Research and Graduate Studies upon the recommendation of the department/program. The committee will consist of at least three members, at least two of whom must be full-time faculty of the College and have a formal affiliation with the student's department/program. He or she must register for 700, Thesis, for at least one semester and may repeat this registration. Thesis credits are not included in the 24 semester hours required for the degree. The degree will not be granted until three copies of the thesis have been submitted to the Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, Arts and Sciences in final form for acceptance or rejection by the deadline listed in the College Calendar contained in this catalog on page vi.
- F. An examination covering the entire field of study is required. This examination

is conducted by the student's examination committee.

- G. All requirements for the degree must be completed within a maximum period of six (6) calendar years after admission to the degree program. Requests for extension beyond the six-year limit must be filed following the procedures outlined in the section entitled 'Time Limits for Degrees and Extensions' on page 23 of this catalog.

II. Degree of Master of Public Policy

- A. The director of The Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy will plan and approve the student's program.
- B. Each student is expected to attend full-time (12 credits per semester) for four semesters.
- C. At least 49 semester hours of graduate credit are required for the M.P.P. degree. Each student must achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in all courses undertaken for graduate credit at the College of William and Mary after admission to the M.P.P. program. No credit toward a degree will be allowed for a course in which a student receives a grade below C.
- D. It is expected that all degree requirements will be completed within 2 years after admission to the degree program.
- E. Each student must complete a 10-week internship during the summer between the first and second years of the program. The program director must approve all internships.