

# Master's Degree Requirements

*Academic Affairs*

## Degree Completion Policies

**Policy Owner:** Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

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**Schedule for Review:** Spring 2031

### Policy Summary:

This policy outlines the regulations and procedures for obtaining a Master's degree.

### Policy Statement:

#### *General Degree Requirements*

Students seeking an initial or additional Master's degree at Fort Lewis College must meet all the general curricular and academic achievement requirements listed in this section as well as the specific requirements for each component of the degree. Exceptions to curriculum requirements may be made through the Exceptions to Graduation Requirements process. Candidates must apply for graduation. See Registrar's Office website for specific details. Those approved for graduation may participate in that semester's commencement ceremonies.

#### *Requirements for Candidates Seeking Initial Master's Degree*

Candidates for the degree must complete the 30-credit graduate level curriculum specified for the program (all courses must be numbered 500-799), with a minimum of 21 credits earned at Fort Lewis College; earn a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 on all graduate coursework; satisfactorily complete a culminating research project, thesis, or capstone; and be in good standing with the department's Graduate Professional Education Review Committee in terms of professionalism and ethical behavior.

#### *Requirements for Candidates Seeking Additional Master's Degree*

Students who have earned a first master's degree at Fort Lewis College may pursue an additional master's degree at Fort Lewis College. Each candidate for an additional master's degree are subject to the residency requirement set forth in the Catalog.

All curricular requirements for the graduate program of study must be met. No more than six previously completed graduate credits may be applied toward the additional master's degree, subject to approval. Research and thesis/capstone coursework is excluded from being applied to a subsequent master's degree.

Students may pursue concurrent graduate credentials, subject to the conditions outlined elsewhere in this catalog regarding dual degrees and multiple graduate programs.

Students must achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 for all coursework applied to the additional master's degree and a minimum grade point average of 3.00 for those courses accepted to meet the requirements for the graduate program of study.

### **Responsibilities:**

**For following the policy:** Graduate Student

**For enforcement of the policy:** Registrar

**For oversight of the policy:** Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

**For Notification of policy:** Registrar

**For procedures for implementing policy:** Policy Librarian

### **Definitions:**

Graduate students enrolled in graduate level courses at Fort Lewis College who are attending less than half time, half time, three quarters time, or full time.

### **Review and Revision History**

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