Flow Chart for Master's Degree Completion

Admission

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Discuss your goals and expectations with your department's graduate student adviser.

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Take courses. Determine eligibility of transfer credits, if any.
***Continuous enrollment required*

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Before completing 18 credits of coursework:
Develop a Program of Study* with your program.
**This is your plan for completing your degree. Your adviser, department chair or departmental graduate coordinator will help you.*

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Take courses and work on research, thesis, project or portfolio.

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At least 15 weeks before your final oral examination:
(1) Submit your approved Program of Study to the Graduate School and
(2) Select a Graduate Council Representative (if required) for the final exam.

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At least 2 weeks before your final oral examination:
(1) Use online form to schedule your final oral examination,
(2) submit a diploma application (EXCEPT for SPRING Term completion, when you must submit by FIRST week of Spring Term).
If your master's degree requires a thesis:
(3) Distribute a defendable copy of your thesis to your comittee, and
(4) Bring in or email pre-text pages of your thesis to the Graduate School.

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Final Examination

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Pass Final Examination → No

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Yes

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If your master's degree requires a thesis, upload final thesis to ScholarsArchive and relevant paperwork to the Graduate School within 6 weeks of your defense date.
You must be registered for 3 graduate credits when you submit your thesis to the Graduate School.

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Registration

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All degree requirements must be met within 7 years, regardless of requested leave of absences.
Continuous enrollment required unless leave of absence requested.

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Academic Unit Graduate Degree Requirements

Review the graduate degree requirements of your academic unit (college, school, department or program) with your adviser, the program director/chair or the graduate program director.

NOTE: A dashed line connected to a university requirement indicates your department or program may have additional requirements. Check with your academic unit for its specific rules and requirements.

NOTE:
Check the Graduate Catalog for full details on deadlines.

Graduation

Oregon State University
Graduate School

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