

Guidelines: SOM Graduate Programs Curricula Requirements

The curricula of SOM graduate programs are developed by each program. Although each curriculum is unique and will therefore have its own requirements, the graduate programs in the categories below require:

For Ph.D. degrees

- A minimum of 42 total graduate credits including directed research for existing degree plans or a minimum of 60 graduate credits including directed research for new degree plans
- Directed research
- One credit of OVPR 601 Scientific Integrity or a similar course
- One credit of IBMS 600 Laboratory Safety or a similar course for students that will work in laboratories
- At least one-half of all graduate credits at the 600 course level or higher
- A common core of credits representing 25% of [total *minus* directed research credits]
- A comprehensive examination
- A dissertation and a successful defense of a dissertation

For M.S. degrees requiring a thesis

- A minimum of 30 total graduate credits including directed research
- Directed research
- One credit of OVPR 601 Scientific Integrity or a similar course
- One credit of IBMS 600 Laboratory Safety or a similar course for students that will work in laboratories
- At least one-half of all graduate credits at the 600 course level or higher
- A common core of credits representing at least 50% of total credits
- A thesis and a successful defense of a thesis

For M.S. degrees requiring a capstone or other final research project

- A minimum of 30 total graduate credits including directed research
- Directed research
- One credit of OVPR 601 Scientific Integrity or a similar course
- At least one-half of all graduate credits at the 600 course level or higher
- A common core of credits representing at least 50% of total credits
- A capstone or final research project

For M.S. degrees that do not require a thesis, capstone or final research project

- A minimum of 30 total graduate credits
- At least one-half of all graduate credits at the 600 course level or higher
- A common core of credits representing at least 50% of total credits

For graduate certificates

- A minimum of 12 and a maximum of 24 total graduate credits

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