COLLEGE OF
ARTS AND SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

MASTERS PROGRAM
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WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
INTRODUCTION

The principal aim of the master’s degree program in sociology is to train you to be professionally competent in teaching and research so that you will be qualified for careers in education, government, and industry. In the process of meeting the requirements of your program, you will become proficient in the discipline of sociology and in research methods, as well as gain substantive knowledge in your area of specialization.

This manual is designed to supplement Western Michigan University’s Graduate Catalog. It coordinates university and department degree requirements and procedures to help you meet necessary deadlines, avoid some pitfalls and, in general, proceed smoothly to the completion of your graduate program. These documents contain critical information and should be considered as essential guides.

Since you are responsible for meeting all specified requirements, you should make frequent reference to the Graduate Catalog as well as this manual. A check-list is included at the end of this booklet that specifies each step of your program. Keep it in a prominent place and check each item as it is completed.

You should become acquainted with the graduate faculty as rapidly as possible through course work, research, and consultation. You will find that cooperation with faculty is of utmost importance in developing the focus of your graduate career. A current list of graduate faculty and their fields of specialization is included in this manual.

You may take advantage of another avenue of student/faculty cooperation by becoming involved in the department’s administrative process. Graduate students are elected each fall to serve as members of department and executive councils and other policy-making department committees. An announcement of graduate student elections is issued by the Graduate Student Association.

FACILITATING ADVISOR

Your facilitating advisor is assigned to you when you are admitted to the Sociology Graduate Program. The main purpose of the facilitating advisor is to help make your transition into the graduate program smooth and agreeable. The facilitating advisor counsels you concerning the requirements of the master’s degree program, initial course selection, and selection of your major advisor. You should consult with your facilitating advisor on a regular basis until you have chosen a major advisor.

ENROLLMENT AND EVALUATION

Enrollment

You are expected to enroll in the semester for which you have been admitted. However, your admission status remains active in the Graduate College for one year beyond that date, as well as one year from the date of last enrollment. If these limits are exceeded, you must apply for re-admission. Before you enroll for the first time, you should contact your entering advisor to plan an appropriate schedule of classes.

The department welcomes full-time and part-time students; however, if you are on department or Graduate College support, you are required to enroll for nine hours per semester.

Six hours of graduate classes taken at Western Michigan University as a non-degree student (PTG) may be included in your master’s degree program with the permission of the Central Graduate Committee.
Evaluation

You must maintain a minimum grade-point average of 3.25 (A=4.0) for every semester. You must earn at least a “C” in any graduate course counted in your graduate degree program and a “B” in any core course to be counted in your program. “DC” and below are failing grades.

Sociology graduate faculty will review your file each year to evaluate your progress toward your degree. The results of this review will be sent to you and copied to your department file.

REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 36 hours beyond the bachelor’s degree is required, including six hours of thesis credit. University policy holds that all requirements for the master’s degree be completed within a six-year period. However, the Graduate College may allow additional time under extenuating circumstances. See Graduate Catalog for other specific requirements.

Disciplinary Core
SOC 6000 Proseminar
SOC 6020 Sociological Theory I
SOC 6040 Sociological Theory II
SOC 6060 Research Design and Data Collection I
SOC 6070 Logic and Analysis of Social Research I
SOC 6210 Logic and Analysis of Social Research II

Research Course (Select one of the following research courses)
SOC 6800 Studies in Research Methodology: Variable Topics
SOC 6810 Advanced Multivariate Analysis
SOC 6820 Qualitative Methods
SOC 6870 Evaluation Research
SOC 6880 Methods of Survey Research

SOC7000 Master’s Thesis (6 hours)

Electives (9 hours)

TOTAL HOURS: 36

Program Schedule

The following schedule is recommended for satisfactory progress toward your master’s degree:

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Other Requirements

1. At least 15 hours of your work toward your master’s degree must be in courses that are numbered 6000 and above.

2. All work for your degree program must be elected within six (6) years preceding the date your degree is conferred.

3. You may use four (4) hours of SOC 5980 Directed Individual Study toward your degree.

4. If you do not enroll in classes for one full year, you must apply for readmission to the program.

5. Except in SOC 7000, an Incomplete grade in a course must be removed within one calendar year or it will become an “X” (an automatic “E”) on your transcript.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF MASTER’S DEGREE STUDENTS

The Department of Sociology has a long-standing tradition of conducting an annual review of all graduate students during the spring semester, and the Faculty Senate’s Graduate Studies Council has recommended guidelines for the implementation of such an annual review policy. The annual review of graduate students is intended to serve as a simple and effective mechanism for informing students about their progress toward the master’s degree on a regular basis. It is helpful for students to know when they are doing well. If they are not doing well, it is crucial that they know clearly what is expected of them in order to improve. This review is a process in which the Central Graduate Committee inspects the student’s program checklist and assesses academic performance, research accomplishments, and progress toward the degree. Satisfactory annual progress is a requirement for funding through the department and for maintaining good standing in the master’s degree program. Please note, however, that the department cannot extend offers of funding to all graduate students who are making acceptable progress through the master’s degree program.

Procedure

The Central Graduate Committee is responsible for reviewing the Department of Sociology’s master’s degree program checklist and student transcripts as well as graduate student records such as an updated vita, summary of accomplishments over the past year, and a plan for the coming academic year submitted on or before December 15 (or the following weekday if December 15 falls on a weekend) by each graduate student. The checklist is completed by the graduate advisor, using student transcripts along with other documents, and contains information on the major tasks that each student has completed at the time of the review. Timely completion of the tasks on the program checklist is essential for receiving a master’s degree in sociology.

Progress toward the M.A. Degree

Each student will receive a letter by February 1 that summarizes the Central Graduate Committee’s evaluation regarding progress toward the degree. After careful evaluation the committee will render one of the following decisions:
1. Acceptable Progress

The decision of the committee is that the student is making timely progress towards the degree. In other words, the student is maintaining the required minimum grade point average and is steadily completing requirements in the course of study for the master’s degree.

2. Acceptable Progress with Concerns

The decision of the committee is that the student is making acceptable progress, but there are some deficiencies that may hinder future progress. For example, a core course may not have been completed in a timely manner or the student may have received an excessive number of incomplete grades. The decision letter will detail the committee’s concerns for the student and indicate what remedial action the student should immediately take in order to address such concerns.

3. Unacceptable Progress

The decision of the committee is that the student has encountered serious problems that may prevent completion of the degree. If the problems are not immediately corrected, the student is in danger of being dismissed from the program. Problems that may cause the committee to reach this decision include a GPA that falls below the minimum requirement, failure to appoint a thesis committee in a timely fashion, failure to complete required courses in a timely manner, an absence of a formal program of study on file, or a lack of continuous enrollment.

4. Dismissal

This is the gravest decision the committee can make with respect to a student’s standing in the Department of Sociology’s master’s degree program. To be dismissed from the master’s degree program, the student has received at least one letter from a previous review detailing unacceptable progress that needed to be addressed immediately. Since there was a failure to correct the problems and an effort to address the issues has not been evidenced, the graduate student will be removed from the program. This is not a decision the Department of Sociology takes lightly. All dismissed students will be notified of their loss of standing in the master’s degree program. Letters will be sent to the student, department chair, the Graduate College, and the Registrar’s Office, and a copy of the letter will also be placed in the student’s graduate file. Once removed from the program, the student has the option to apply to the Central Graduate Committee for readmission.

THESIS

You must complete a thesis as the final requirement for the master’s degree. The thesis must make a contribution to the discipline of sociology and is considered initial training for future professional activity. For example, a theoretical thesis might compare theories or theorists not previously treated, or it might develop a theory or frame of reference that does not now exist in the discipline. An empirical thesis might put results of original sociological research into a meaningful theoretical context or replicate prior research in a way that enlarges the scope or improves the quality of the previous research. Six hours of credit are earned for completion of the master’s thesis. As you conduct your thesis research, you may find the Graduate College’s support programs for students at the master’s degree level to be useful.

Major Advisor/Thesis Chair

It is your responsibility to choose your major advisor and secure permission from that individual to become an advisee. You should choose your major advisor as soon as possible after your first semester of enrollment, certainly no later than after completing 18 hours in your program. Your major advisor must be a full-time member of the graduate faculty within the Department of Sociology. Since your major advisor will guide you in the preparation of your thesis, you should select a person whose interests in sociology are pertinent to your major interests. Meeting regularly
with your major advisor is a good way of ensuring you are meeting deadlines and other degree requirements. Your major advisor will supervise your thesis research and help you appoint a thesis committee.

**Thesis Committee**

Your thesis committee must consist of a minimum of three members: your major advisor who serves as chair and two additional graduate faculty members. One member must be from the Department of Sociology; the other may be from outside the department. You may request additional members from sociology or from other departments. Once you and your major advisor settle on a thesis committee, you should complete a committee appointment form. Changes in your thesis committee or major advisor require the submission of another committee appointment form.

**Permission to Elect Master’s Thesis Hours**

An application for permission to elect master’s thesis hours (SOC 7000) is required. Following your first enrollment in master’s thesis hours, you must enroll in SOC 7000 each fall and spring semesters continuously until all your thesis requirements are completed and approved. If you are unable to complete your thesis within the first six hours of registration, you must continue to enroll; however, only six hours of SOC 7000 will count toward meeting program requirements for your degree. If you plan to graduate during the Summer I or Summer II semesters, you will need to be enrolled during that semester.

**Prospectus**

You are required to write and defend a master’s thesis prospectus by the time you complete 21 hours in the master’s program. You should complete this prospectus in close consultation with your major advisor. Generally a prospectus includes the following:

1. A precise statement of the objective and importance of your research. Research is construed in the broadest terms consistent with the demands of degree attainment.
2. An initial review of the literature pertaining to your problem and/or theory pertinent to your research.
3. The methods, including research design, data sources, and means of analysis, through which your research will be pursued.

Your prospectus must be approved by your thesis committee at a prospectus meeting prior to the initiation of your research. The master’s thesis prospectus approval form must be signed by all committee members and returned to the graduate advisor for inclusion in your file. The master’s thesis research will be carried out under the supervision of your major advisor and the thesis committee, with whom you should have regular and frequent consultations. To this end, it may be helpful to form an understanding with your major advisor and thesis committee about the following:

1. The schedule of work to be completed and distributed for thesis committee review.
2. Ample turn-around times for committee review and your response to their comments and suggestions.
3. A schedule for meetings with your major professor and committee members.

**Human Subjects Approval**

If your thesis involves human subjects, you must have PRIOR APPROVAL of your research proposal by the Human Subjects Institutional Review Board (HSIRB) before data collection can begin. Policy guidelines and application forms are available from the Office of Vice President for Research.
Oral Thesis Defense

Following unanimous approval of your thesis by your thesis committee, you must present an oral defense of your thesis to your thesis committee and other interested persons. A two hour block of time should be reserved for the defense.

Prior to the time scheduled for your oral defense, you must secure three copies of a “Thesis Approval Form” appropriate to the size of your committee from the Graduate College website. The “Thesis Approval Form” copies, with signatures affixed by the members of your committee, must be submitted to the Graduate College along with your thesis.

Submission of Thesis to the Graduate College

Following a successful defense and a satisfactory audit from the Registrar’s Office (an application for graduation precipitates an audit that informs you of any problems that might delay your graduation), you are responsible for making any corrections or changes directed by your thesis committee and preparing final copies to be submitted to the Graduate College. The Graduate College employs a check-in form for the submission of the thesis which should be followed closely. The Graduate College also maintains a list of deadlines and other important dates, including the deadline for submitting a thesis in order to graduate in a particular semester.

Distribution

When your thesis receives final approval from the Graduate College, the Dean of the Graduate College will sign the appropriate forms. The original will be forwarded to Waldo Library.

FINANCIAL AWARDS

There are numerous ways for graduate students to acquire support for their graduate studies. Working for pay outside the university and acquiring student loans are the most obvious, but they are not always the most advisable in terms of financial health and intellectual enrichment. That is why the Department of Sociology and WMU endeavor to provide qualified graduate students with competitive awards and opportunities. In addition to the funding opportunities discussed below, one can receive further information from the Office of Student Financial Aid.

In most years, the department has about 15 graduate students on assistantships and many more receive other forms of support. The department’s current policy is to provide assistantship support for up to two years for master’s degree students and up to another three years for doctoral degree students. Funding from outside the department does not count against the time limits.

There are a number of forms of support available either through the department or the Graduate College. First, there are fellowships, which typically carry no service obligation, then there are assistantships, which do require some service. There are also supplemental sources for the support of graduate student research and professional travel. These different forms of funding to finance graduate studies are outlined below.

The Leonard and Dorothy Kercher Graduate Fellowship

The department offers this highly competitive fellowship for either M.A. or Ph.D. students once every five years, or as funds allow. It is named after the founder of the department and his wife, and only one is available at a time. It is good for up to five years of full-time graduate support (including one summer session annually) at the highest level the department offers, plus full tuition remission. It carries no service obligation. All told, it is worth well over $100,000.
Research and Teaching Assistantships

The College of Arts and Sciences provides funding to the department for graduate education. This is departmental support, and the funds are distributed by the department in the form of graduate assistantships.

Research Assistantships: These assistantships require 15 hours of work per week on research under the supervision of a faculty member.

Teaching Assistantships: These assistantships require 15 hours of work per week as an assistant to a faculty member.

Western Michigan University recognizes the Teaching Assistants' Union, affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers (AFL-CIO), as "the sole and exclusive representative for the purposes of collective bargaining in respect to wages, hours, and all other conditions of employment for all employees" considered teaching assistants (Article 1, Agreement between Western Michigan University and the Teaching Assistants' Union). Teaching assistants are "all graduate assistants, doctoral graduate assistants, or doctoral associates appointed by Western Michigan University with the classification of teaching" (Article 1, Agreement between Western Michigan University and the Teaching Assistants' Union).

As an employing unit, the Department of Sociology provides the following information about teaching assistantships in compliance with language in the Teaching Assistants' Union contract (Article 8, Agreement between Western Michigan University and the Teaching Assistants' Union).

Required Qualifications

Full-time graduate student in good standing
Excellent progress on annual review

Preferred Qualifications

Evidence of superior intellectual ability
Evidence of professional engagement
Evidence of superior achievement in classes
Evidence of teaching experience

An application for a research or teaching assistantship is due on December 15 (or the following weekday if December 15 falls on a weekend). Completed applications and inquiries about the application process should be directed to Susan Standish, academic advisor in the Department of Sociology. The Central Graduate Committee will review applications for assistantships in conjunction with the information provided by each applicant for the department's annual review of graduate students. Applicants will be informed about assistantship decisions between March 15 and April 15.

Work Study

Work study is a need-based financial aid program funded by the federal government, the State of Michigan, and Western Michigan University for students who are enrolled at least half-time during the period of their employment. Work study awards and amounts are subject to eligibility requirements and fund availability. Such awards typically allow students to work for WMU or a community non-profit organization. Early application is very important. More details are provided by the Office of Student Financial Aid.
Thurgood Marshall Assistantships

Thurgood Marshall fellowships are extended to students who exemplify the values and accomplishments of Thurgood Marshall, the first black Justice of the United States Supreme Court. They include a stipend/salary and cover at least partial tuition costs. They also carry a service requirement. The application deadline is February 15. More details and applications may be obtained online from the Graduate College.

Graduate Student Research Fund

The Graduate College maintains a research fund that is designed to support graduate students with their independent scholarly research, scientific inquiry, inventive technology, and original artistic activity. Awards from this fund aim to allay the extraordinary or unusual costs associated with research projects. The amount of an award for a project will vary with the available budget, the number of applications, and the priority ranking given by the selection committee, with a maximum award of $600 possible. Preference is given to applications submitted before a project is completed. More details and application deadlines may be obtained online.

Graduate Student Travel Fund

The Graduate College maintains a travel fund designed to support graduate students with their independent scholarly research, scientific inquiry, inventive technology, and original artistic activity. Awards from this fund can cover costs associated with travel to meetings or events sponsored by professional organizations for the purpose of reporting the results of research, exhibiting or performing creative works, or otherwise disseminating results from scholarly activity. The amount of an award for a project will vary with the available budget, the number of applications, and the priority ranking given by the selection committee, with a maximum award of $600 possible. Preference is given to applications submitted before the travel has been completed. More details and application deadlines may be obtained online.

Kercher Endowment Fund

Through its Kercher Endowment Fund, the department also provides support for graduate student research, travel and hourly employment. While there are annual limits, the application is simple, involving a brief description of the project/meeting, a rationale, and an estimated budget. In addition, a parallel application to the appropriate Graduate College fund is required. In recent years, virtually all such applications have been supported. Requests to the endowment for funds to hire graduate assistants on an hourly basis must come from individual faculty members.

Other Information about Financial Awards

Summer I/Summer II Awards: Summer session department awards are often considered separately, and will be made when and as funds are available.

Conditions of Support: Students who receive awards are expected to make a full-time commitment to a graduate career or time proportionate to fractional awards. Sociology's assumption is that any scheduling conflicts created by outside activities will be resolved in favor of departmental expectations.

Enrollment Requirements: In order to be eligible to maintain an award, graduate students must enroll in, and are expected to complete, a minimum of 21 hours for the academic year (fall and spring semesters), or 9 hours if the award is made for a fall or spring semester alone; Summer I/summer II session assistants must take a minimum of 3 hours in whichever summer term classes applicable to their program of study are offered. Students at the end of a degree program who need less than the required number of hours may, with special permission of the Central Graduate Committee and the Graduate College, be given permission to decrease hours enrolled to six hours.
Assignments: Assignments are made subsequent to awards on the basis of department needs, faculty requests, special skills, previous course work, and other considerations.

Fringe Benefits: Students receiving university or department awards are entitled to some additional advantages:

1. Faculty library privileges (1-month circulation, not subject to overdue fines)
2. Faculty/staff level discount at Western’s Campus Bookstore
3. Parking sticker
4. Priority for student housing

Other Funding Sources

Kercher Center for Social Research: The KCSR offers Sociology graduate students positions in funded projects. See the Director in the Center for a current list of projects and an application.

Special Projects: Students may be employed directly by the project director (faculty member) of an independently supported research or training project. This is an independent arrangement between the student and faculty involved.

External Support: Student efforts to obtain outside fellowship support from other programs at WMU or external sources are encouraged and much appreciated. Under certain circumstances the time a student is supported externally would not count against the time limits specified above. Faculty in the department are available to provide assistance in making such applications, and their aid should be solicited. For further information, contact the department chair or the director of the Kercher Center for Social Research.

Student Loans: Western Michigan University participates in some state and nationally supported student loan programs. For further information, see the Graduate College website or contact the Student Financial Aid office on campus.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dismissal from the Sociology Graduate Program

Sociology master’s degree students may be dismissed from the graduate program under the following circumstances:

1. Failure to maintain the required cumulative grade point average of 3.25 calculated initially on the first two semesters or sessions of the student’s graduate program. Dismissal for failure to maintain the required cumulative grade point average is automatic upon notification of the student and the Central Graduate Committee by the Director of Graduate Studies.

2. Failure for two consecutive years to maintain satisfactory progress toward completion of one’s degree. If, upon the second consecutive annual review evaluation, a student is found to have failed in rectifying the initial shortcomings or failed to maintain satisfactory progress in terms of the additional hours taken between the first and second reviews, the Director of Graduate Studies shall make a recommendation to the Central Graduate Committee that the student be dismissed from the master’s degree program. Upon Central Graduate Committee review and concurrence, the student will be dismissed from the graduate sociology program. If the Central Graduate Committee does not concur, the Committee shall establish conditions for the student’s continuation in the program.
All student dismissals from the sociology graduate program will be effected by a letter to the student from the department’s Director of Graduate Studies in the name of the Central Graduate Committee informing him/her of loss of standing in the graduate program. Copies will be furnished to the department chair, the Graduate College, the Registrar’s Office, and the student’s department file. Applications for readmission are possible. Such applications will be considered by the Central Graduate Committee.
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<td>1984</td>
<td>Western Michigan University</td>
<td>Criminology, Social Problems, Women &amp; Violence Methods</td>
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<td>Susan M. Carlson</td>
<td>1993</td>
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<td>David Hartmann</td>
<td>1996</td>
<td>University of Chicago</td>
<td>Applied, Urban, Ethnic Relations, Methods</td>
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<td>1998</td>
<td>SUNY Albany</td>
<td>Criminology, Surveillance &amp; Mobility, Environmental Sociology</td>
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<td>Vyacheslav Karpov</td>
<td>1996</td>
<td>Ohio State University</td>
<td>Sociology of Religion, Religion, Ethnicity, &amp; Tolerance, Comparative Sociology, Theory</td>
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<td>Ronald C. Kramer</td>
<td>1978</td>
<td>Ohio State University</td>
<td>Criminology, Corporate &amp; State Crime, Climate Change, Sociology of Sport</td>
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<td>Elena Lisovskaya</td>
<td>1996</td>
<td>Ohio State University</td>
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<td>Ann Miles</td>
<td>2010</td>
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<td>2012</td>
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<td>Public Policy&lt;br&gt;Inequality: Education; Health, Economics&lt;br&gt;Community Development&lt;br&gt;Immigration</td>
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<td>2013</td>
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<td>Identity/Self&lt;br&gt;Symbolic Interaction&lt;br&gt;Sociology of Religion&lt;br&gt;Qualitative Methods&lt;br&gt;Deviance</td>
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<td>1992</td>
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<td>2008</td>
<td>University of Chicago</td>
<td>International Relations Security Studies&lt;br&gt;Methods&lt;br&gt;China &amp; East Asia</td>
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Department of Sociology
Master’s Program Checklist

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PROVISIONS (if any)  COMPLETION DATE

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SOC 6040 Sociological Theory II
SOC 6060 Research Design and Data Collection I
SOC 6070 Logic and Analysis of Social Research I
SOC 6210 Logic and Analysis of Social Research II

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING RESEARCH COURSES:
SOC 6800 Studies in Research Methodology:
  Variable Topics
SOC 6810 Advanced Multivariate Analysis
SOC 6820 Qualitative Methods
SOC 6870 Evaluation Research
SOC 6880 Methods of Survey Research

OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:
Electives (9 hours)

SOC 7000 Master’s Thesis (6 hours)

CONCENTRATION IN CRIMINOLOGY (option – 6 hours from the following):
SOC 5600 Corporate and Government Crime
SOC 5620 Victimology
SOC 5630 Gender and Justice
SOC 5680 Race, Ethnicity, and Justice
SOC 5780 Sociology of Law
SOC 6600 Theoretical Issues in Criminology
SOC 6640 Studies in Criminology (variable topics)
SOC 6650 Research Issues in Criminology
IMPORTANT REQUIRED TASKS:
   Major Advisor Selected
   Program of Study Approved and on File
   Thesis Committee Approved and on File
   Proposal to Elect Thesis Hours Approved and on File
   HSIRB Approved and on File
   Application to Graduate on File

PLEASE NOTE:
1. All prerequisites, core and other required courses must be completed with a “B” or better.
2. Any substitution or waivers of the above requirements must be documented, with a notice of approval copies to the student’s file.