

Credits

A minimum of 30 semester credit hours is required for most master's degrees; however, some programs require more than 30. Also, in order to gain the breadth desired in their program or to make up deficits in their undergraduate degree, many students will actually take more credit hours than the minimum required by the program.

Residence Requirements

A minimum of three-fourths of the hours required for the master's degree must be earned in residence study at the University.

Transfer of Credit

No more than six hours of the minimal 30-hour requirement will be accepted from other institutions. A graduate course which has been completed with a grade of "B" or better may be considered for transfer to a master's program provided that it has been completed in a graduate or post-baccalaureate classification at an accredited graduate school. Exceptions are allowed for transfer from foreign institutions if the department or program provides the School of Graduate Studies with adequate documentation that the course is relevant to the degree, with appropriate content and level of instruction resulting in student competencies at least comparable to those of students taking the equivalent course at North Carolina A&T State University, and that the course was taught by faculty who are qualified to teach at the master's degree level. Credit accepted by extension reduces the amount of credit that may be transferred from other institutions.

Transfer of Undergraduate Credit

Graduate credit may be allowed for up to 6 hours of the minimal 30-hour requirement for courses taken at North Carolina A&T State University provided that it is at the 600 graduate level or higher, that the grade is "B" or better, that it was not counted to fulfill undergraduate requirements, and that it is recommended by the student's undergraduate advisor prior to enrollment in the course. No graduate credit will be allowed for excess credits completed in an undergraduate classification at another institution.

Credits from Previous North Carolina A&T State University Master's Degree

Only 12 credits from a previous North Carolina A&T State University master's degree may be counted toward the minimal 30-hour requirement.

Language Requirements

A reading knowledge of one foreign language is required by some programs for the Master of Arts and the Master of Science degrees. Other departments may designate that the language requirement be fulfilled from among those languages in which the Department of Foreign Languages conducts testing. Students should contact the major department for specific language requirements.

Thesis

Theses prepared by candidates for the Master of Science and Master of Arts degrees, in programs requiring the thesis, must present an original investigation into a subject which has been approved by the student's advisory committee and the Coordinator of Graduate Programs in the student's major. Four copies of the thesis in final form as approved by the advisory committee, each signed by the members of the advisory committee, must be submitted to the School of Graduate Studies by a specific deadline in the semester or summer session in which the degree is to be conferred. Detailed information on the form and organization of the thesis is presented in the Graduate School's *Thesis and Dissertation Manual*, which is available in the School of Graduate Studies Office or on the website at <http://www.ncat.edu/>.