

# Flow Chart for Successful Master's Degree Completion at Oregon State University

**Admission**

**Registration**

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

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

**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.*

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

**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.

**At least 2 weeks before your final oral examination:**  
 (1) Use online form to schedule your **final oral examination**,  
 (2) Distribute a defensible copy of your **thesis** to your committee,  
 (3) Bring in or **email** pre-text pages of your thesis to the Graduate School, and  
 (4) submit a **diploma application**.

**Final Examination**

Pass Final Examination

No

Yes

If your master's degree requires a thesis, **upload** corrected thesis to 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.

**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**.

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

# Graduation

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