

**709 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER OF ADVANCED STUDIES**

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The degree of Master of Advanced Studies will be granted on the following conditions:

A) Admission

The candidate shall have received the Bachelor's degree; have fulfilled the requirements for admission to the Graduate Division of the University of California, San Diego; and shall meet any additional requirements that may be specified by the Admissions Committee of the MAS program.

B) Residency

The minimum residency requirement is three quarters. Residence is established by satisfactory completion of four units per quarter, some of which must be at the graduate level. [Am 12/9/14]

C) Program

The MAS program shall be structured in accordance with one of the following:

Thesis or Project Plan – Credit must be obtained for a minimum of 36 quarter units distributed as follows: at least 12 units must be in graduate courses in the major field, no more than 12 units may be in upper-division courses, and there must be at least 6 units which lead to a Master's thesis or project under the direction of a UCSD faculty member. The thesis or project will be reviewed and approved by a three-member committee, appointed by the Dean of Graduate Studies, which includes at least one UCSD faculty member. [Am 1/23/07, Am 12/9/14]

Comprehensive Examination Plan – Credit must be obtained for a minimum of 36 quarter units of which at least 14 must be in graduate courses in the major field, 10 additional units in graduate courses, and 12 units in graduate or upper-division courses. No more than 6 units of research may be applied toward fulfillment of these requirements. A comprehensive final examination, designated as a Master's examination, must be passed. The examination will be administered and approved by a three-member committee, appointed by the Dean of Graduate Studies, which includes at least one UCSD faculty member. [Am 1/23/07, Am 12/9/14]

Alternative Plan – Credit must be obtained for a minimum of 36 quarter units of which at least 14 must be in graduate courses in the major field, 10 additional units in graduate courses, and 12 units in graduate or upper-division courses. No more than 6 units of research may be applied toward fulfillment of these requirements. Up to 6 units may be applied to a capstone requirement that differs from a thesis or comprehensive examination. [Am 1/23/07, Am 12/9/14]

D) Scholarship

Only courses in which the student is assigned grades A, B, C, D, P, or S are counted in satisfaction of the requirements for the Master's degree. In addition, a student must maintain a minimum graduate point average (GPA) of 3.0 in all courses taken after admission to graduate status.

E) Faculty Advisor

The program of work of each candidate shall be under the supervision of a faculty mentor.