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**Academic Program: Graduate Studies
GRADUATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

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Semester Hours

Specific departmental requirements and the student's undergraduate preparation will determine the maximum number of credits for a master's degree; the minimum credits required are as follows:

1. 30 credits of approved graduate work beyond a bachelor's degree, including a thesis or research project; or
2. 33-60 credits of departmentally approved graduate work of an extended course sequence.

Students should consult with their adviser and discuss the specific program requirements to ascertain the semester hours required in a particular degree program.

Research Option

The specific regulations pertaining to the research report and/or thesis are determined by the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research and the student's major department.

Selected programs permit students to complete an extended course sequence (33-36 credits) in lieu of the thesis or research project.

Residency Requirement

Students must complete a minimum of two-thirds of their degree program at Millersville University in order to meet residency requirements.

Time Limit

Work for the degree may be pursued over several years which need not be in succession but must be concluded within a five-year period. The five-year period begins the semester a student is accepted into a degree program. A re-evaluation of course work taken prior to admission to a degree program and an extension of time, usually an additional year, beyond this five-year limit may be granted by the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, at the request of the student, upon the recommendation of the adviser and graduate program coordinator.

Students in foreign language and mathematics programs are given a seven-year time limit for program completion.

Second Master's Degree

Students interested in earning a second master's degree at MU in the same field must meet all course requirements for the second degree and complete not fewer than 24 credits of approved course work beyond the requirements for the initial degree.