

Graduate Program of Study Policy

Graduate education is intended to answer the personal needs of students and the special needs of society not satisfied through undergraduate training. Graduate degrees indicate that the holders have sufficiently mastered a program in a particular field to pursue creative projects in that specialty. The degrees are awarded for completion of a coherent program – formalized as the program or plan of study – designed to assure the mastery of specified knowledge and skills. Forms for specifying individual programs or plans of study are available from the principal graduate advisor or graduate officer of the academic unit, with final approval by the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies.

Graduate Master's Degree Program of Study Policy

In consultation with the advisor or the supervisory committee, the master's student plans a program of study in accordance with the minimum requirements outlined in the SGS Academic Regulations and the specific degree program requirements. Upon approval from the advisor and/or supervisory committee and unit graduate officer, programs of study should be approved by the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and filed with the Registrar prior to the completion of 50% of applicable degree coursework.

Graduate Doctoral Programs of Study Policy

Students should plan their programs of study in consultation with their advisors and supervisory committees (if applicable). Upon approval from the advisor and/or supervisory committee and unit graduate officer, programs of study should be approved by the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and filed with the Registrar prior to the completion of 50% of applicable degree coursework. (Interdisciplinary Ph.D. students must file their proposed plans of study and form their supervisory committees within 24 months of being admitted).