Completing the Degree Program

**Comprehensive Exam**
Requirements for a comprehensive examination, where applicable, are described in the departmental regulations.

**Thesis Requirement**
Thesis requirements, where applicable, are described in the departmental regulations.

**Graduation**
To qualify for the master’s degree, a candidate must complete satisfactorily all general and program requirements as outlined in this catalog. Degrees are awarded during the annual commencement ceremony on the date designated in the college academic calendar. Students completing the degree requirements in August (degree conferral date is August 31st) or December (degree conferral date is February 1st) may obtain their diploma before the next commencement. All students, regardless of when the requirements are completed (May, August, or December), must submit applications for graduation. Students should consult the “Diploma and Graduation” information displayed on the student portal regarding deadlines for submitting an application for graduation.

Each student’s name should be submitted to the registrar exactly as the student wishes it to appear on the diploma. A fee of $30.00 will be assessed to reprint a diploma if a student wishes to have a different name on the diploma than the name originally submitted.