

Resolution to modify the minimum requirements for a Masters degree within the CWRU School of Graduate Studies.

Currently, the CWRU School of Graduate Studies has a minimum requirement of 27 credit hours and a minimum grade point average of 2.75 for conferral of a Masters degree. The majority of our graduate programs use this minimum standard.

During the past several years, the Ohio Board of Education has worked to establish minimum requirements for Masters and Doctoral degrees within the State of Ohio. Currently the Ohio Department of Higher Education's Guidelines and Procedures for Academic Program Review contains the following statement regarding minimum credit hour requirements for a Masters degree in the State of Ohio:

Master's Degree: An award that requires the successful completion of at least 30 semester credit hours (or 45 quarter credit hours) of work beyond the bachelor's degree. Master's degrees such as the Master of Arts and the Master of Science are typically considered research graduate degrees, and involve preparation to carry out research and to discover new knowledge—whether the field is pure or applied. Master's degrees may also recognize preparation for professional practice. Examples of professional practice master's degrees include the Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Master of Public Health (MPH) and the Master of Social Work (MSW).

A survey of graduate programs among the membership of the Ohio Chancellor's Council for Graduate Studies reveals that all member institutions require 30 or more credit hours as a minimum for the conferral of a Masters degree.

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