

Concurrent Master's Degrees

Students who earn two master's degrees at Oregon State University must complete all degree requirements for each degree. This requires:

- Submitting separate [program of study forms](#) for each degree
- Submitting separate [commencement applications](#) for each degree
- Completing separate projects or theses for each degree
- [Scheduling separate final oral examinations](#) for each degree
- Passing final oral examinations for each degree.

For more information, please refer to the Transfer Credit section of the [Graduate Catalog](#).

<https://gradschool.oregonstate.edu/current/earning-concurrent-degrees-or-pursuing-dual-major>

Declare concurrent MS (integrative capstone experience) using the change-of-degree form:

<https://gradschool.oregonstate.edu/formlink/14696>

<https://oregonstate.force.com/s/grd-change-of-curriculum-form>

Note: Make POS simple. For example, 3 Research credits (PH601) + 42 Grad course credits.

MS and PhD Course Requirements Nutshell

MS (Project option)

- **45** credits with a minimum of 3.0 GPA
- **3-6** research credits (PH 501 or 601)
- No more than **9** credits of blanket courses (PH 501,2,5,7, PH 601,2,5,7) on the program of study
- No more than 50% of courses may be 4xx/5xx.
- Minimum of **30** credits of physics related courses (**36** in practice)
- Minimum of **12** credits of core courses (QM, EM, SM, CM, MP)

<https://physics.oregonstate.edu/sites/physics.oregonstate.edu/files/MSrequirements2020.pdf>

PhD

- **108** credits with a minimum of 3.0 GPA and no grades below C on the program of study
- Minimum of **36** thesis credits (PH 603) on the program of study
- No more than **15** credits of blanket courses (PH 601, 605, 607) on the program of study
- 9 core courses (**27** credits) and a minimum of **12** credits of advanced courses

https://physics.oregonstate.edu/sites/physics.oregonstate.edu/files/Grad_program/PhDrequirements_2020.pdf

1st year or ASAP

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2nd year before the end of the Winter term

MS Before completing 18 credits of coursework: Develop a MS Program of Study
At least 15 weeks before final oral examination:
Submit approved MS **Program of Study** to the Graduate School for final review

PhD Before completing 5 terms:

- (1) Select PhD program committee members, which must include a GCR,
- (2) Meet with the PhD program committee to create a Program of Study.

No later than 3rd year

MS At least 2 weeks before final oral examination:

- (1) Use online form to schedule final oral examination
- (2) Distribute a defensible copy of paper to the committee

PhD At least 6 weeks before PhD preliminary oral exam, when most coursework has been completed, schedule the preliminary oral exam with the committee.

At least 2 weeks before the exam, submit the online **Exam Scheduling Form**.