

Recommended Changes to General Graduate Academic Policy

II. General Academic Policies

B. General Degree Requirements

Master's Degree

The following minimum degree requirements must be met for successful completion of a Master's degree in an approved program of study. Individual colleges, departments, and programs may have their own requirements that exceed the minimum requirements presented here. Students should therefore refer to the specific degree requirements of the individual graduate program for additional information.

a. Enrollment and Course Requirements

- Students enrolled in a Master's degree program must complete a minimum of thirty (30) credit hours in the approved graduate program.
- More than 50% of the credit hours toward the degree must be earned through FGCU.
- Students may transfer a maximum of twelve (12) credit hours from graduate level courses completed at another regionally accredited college or university, or equivalent foreign institution, into the graduate program at FGCU. Transfer courses must be applicable toward the graduate degree being sought at FGCU, should be current with respect to the specific field of study, and must be approved by the college dean (or designee). Individual graduate programs may limit the number of transfer credits allowed to less than twelve (12); admitted students should therefore check with their individual graduate programs for specific information on transfer credits.
- Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 for all graduate work attempted.
- Students may apply a maximum of nine (9) credit hours completed as a non-degree seeking student toward the completion of a graduate degree as approved by the program. Students in the College of Education may apply a maximum of twelve (12) credit hours.
- The number of credits that can be applied from an academic certificate earned at FGCU to a graduate degree program is set by the college awarding the graduate degree, with approval from the Office of Graduate Studies.
- [Up to 100% of the credit hours earned from courses required in a master's degree taken at FGCU for a teaching certificate can be applied to the master's degree with the approval of the college dean or designee in conjunction with the Office of Curriculum & Instruction, and with the approval of the Office of Graduate Studies.](#)

Rationale for this change:

The proposed change is to accommodate Teacher Immersion Program (TIP) Program in the College of Education and similar programs.