

RECREATION, PARK, AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

Degree Requirements

Master of Science (M.S.)

Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-600 Research Degree Policies. (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>)

The M.S. program requires a minimum of 30 graduate credits and a minimum of 3.00 (B) grade-point average for graduation. The master's degree must be completed within eight years from matriculation as a degree student.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

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A master's degree is required to apply to the Ph.D. program, and a minimum of 3.00 (B) grade-point average for graduation. The master's degree must be completed within eight years from matriculation as a degree student. . The doctoral program builds on the master's program to achieve depth in scholarship and research. The general requirements of the degree, sequentially, are:

1. course work,
2. qualifying examination by the third semester,¹
3. comprehensive examination (written and oral),
4. dissertation proposal presentation, and
5. final defense of dissertation.

Between the qualifying examination and completion of the degree program, a Ph.D. student must have attended Penn State in residence a minimum of two semesters over a twelve-month period. (This may include the semester in which the qualifying exam is taken.) Students have a limit of eight years after the qualifying exam to complete the doctoral program. A 3.00 (B) average is required for graduation.

¹ The master's thesis and oral defense may be used for the qualifying examination for continuing students.