DEGREE PROGRAMS

Degree Programs By Schools and Departments

African, African-American, and Diaspora Studies –

Africana Studies – M.A., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/african-american-diaspora-studies/#text)

American Studies –


Folklore – M.A. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/american-studies/#programstext)


Applied Physical Sciences

Materials Science – M.S., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/applied-physical-sciences/#programstext)

Applied Professional Studies – M.A.P.S. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/applied-professional-studies/)

Art and Art History –


Studio Art – M.F.A. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/art/#programstext)

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies – M.A. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/asian-studies/)


Bioinformatics and Computational Biology – M.S., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/bioinformatics-computational-biology/#programstext)


Biomedical Engineering – M.S., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/biomedical-engineering/#programstext) (joint with North Carolina State University)


Cell Biology and Physiology – M.S., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/cell-biology-physiology/#programstext)

Chemistry – M.A., M.S., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/chemistry/#degrestext)

City and Regional Planning – M.C.R.P., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/city-regional-planning/#programstext)

Classics – M.A., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/classics/#programstext)

Clinical Laboratory Science – M.S. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/division-clinical-laboratory-science/)

Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling –

Clinical Mental Health Counseling – M.S. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/clinical-mental-health-counseling/)

Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling – M.S. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/clinical-rehabilitation-counseling/)

Communication – M.A., Ph.D. (http://comm.unc.edu/graduate-studies/)

Computer Science – M.S., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/computer-science/#programstext)


Dentistry –

Dental Hygiene Education – M.S. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/dentistry/#programstext)

Endodontics – M.S. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/dentistry/#programstext)

Operative Dentistry and Biomaterials – M.S. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/dentistry/#programstext)

Oral and Craniofacial Biomedicine – M.S., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/dentistry/#programstext)

Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology – M.S. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/dentistry/#programstext)

Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology – M.S. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/dentistry/#programstext)

Orthodontics – M.S. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/dentistry/#programstext)

Pediatric Dentistry – M.S. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/dentistry/#programstext)
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Periodontology – M.S. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/dentistry/#programstext)

Prosthodontics – M.S. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/dentistry/#programstext)

Dramatic Art – M.F.A. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/dramatic-art/#programstext)

Earth, Marine, and Environmental Sciences – M.S., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/earth-marine-environment/#programstext)

Economics – M.S., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/economics/#programstext)

Education –


Master's/Doctorate in Education – M.A., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/education/#programstext)


School Counseling – M.Ed. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/education/#programstext)


Exercise and Sport Science – M.A. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/exercise-sport-science/#programstext)

Genetics and Molecular Biology – M.S., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/genetics-molecular-biology/#programstext)

Geography and Environment – M.A., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/geography/#programstext)


Global Studies – M.A. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/global-studies/#programstext)


Health Behavior – M.P.H. (Concentrations) (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/health-behavior/#mastersdegreetext), Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/health-behavior/#doctoraldegreetext)

Health Informatics –

Health Informatics – Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/biomedical-and-health-informatics/#programstext)

Biomedical and Health Informatics – M.P.S. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/biomedical-and-health-informatics/#programstext)


History – M.A., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/history/#programstext)


Information and Library Science –

Information and Library Science – Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/information-library-science/#text)

Information Science – M.S.I.S. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/information-library-science/#text)

Library Science – M.S.L.S. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/information-library-science/#text)

Digital Curation and Management (distance) – M.P.S. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/information-library-science/#text)

Journalism and Media –

Media and Communication – M.A., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/media-journalism/#programstext)
Digital Communication (distance) – M.A. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/media-journalism/#programtext)

Law – J.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/school-of-law/#requirementstext)

Linguistics – M.A. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/linguistics/#programtext)


Materials Science – M.S., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/applied-physical-sciences/#programtext)

Medicine – Health Sciences – M.S., M.H.S., Ph.D., D.P.T. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/health-sciences/#programtext)

Microbiology and Immunology – M.S., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/microbiology-immunology/#programtext)

Musicology – M.A., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/music/#programtext)

Neuroscience – M.S., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/neurobiology-curriculum/#programtext)

Nursing – D.N.P., M.S.N., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/nursing/#programtext)


Occupational Science – M.S., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/division-occupational-science-occupational-therapy/)

Occupational Therapy – M.S. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/division-occupational-science-occupational-therapy/)


Pharmacy –

Pharmaceutical Sciences – M.S., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/eshelman-school-pharmacy/#programtext)


Pharmacology – M.S., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/pharmacology/#programtext)

Philosophy – M.A., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/philosophy/#programtext)

Physician Assistant Studies – M.H.S. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/physician-assistant-studies/#requirementstext)

Physics and Astronomy – M.S., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/physics-astronomy/#programtext)

Political Science – M.A., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/political-science/#programtext)

Distance – M.A. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/political-science/#text) (Trans-Atlantic Masters)

Psychology and Neuroscience –


Public Health – Master of Public Health (M.P.H. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/gillings-school-global-public-health/#programtext)), MPH@UNC (distance)

Biostatistics – Dr.P.H., M.S., M.S.P.H., Ph.D. (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/gillings-school-global-public-health/#programtext)


Health Policy and Management –


Maternal and Child Health –

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American Studies (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/american-studies/#text)

Anthropology (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/anthropology/#text)

Applied Physical Sciences

Applied Professional Studies (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/applied-professional-studies/)

Art (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/art/#text)

Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/asian-studies/)

Biochemistry and Biophysics (BBSP) (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/biochemistry-biophysics/#text)

Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (BBSP) (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/bioinformatics-computational-biology/#text)

Biological and Biomedical Sciences (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/biological-biomedical-sciences/)

Biomedical and Health Informatics (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/biomedical-and-health-informatics/#text)

Biomedical Engineering (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/biomedical-engineering/#text)

Biostatistics (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/biostatistics/)

Business Administration (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/kenan-flagler-business-school/#text)

Cell Biology and Physiology (BBSP) (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/cell-biology-physiology/#text)

Chemistry (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/chemistry/#text)

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Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/division-clinical-rehabilitation-mental-health-counseling/)

Communication Studies (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/communication/#text)

Computer Science (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/computer-science/#text)

Data Science and Society (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/data-science-society/)

Dental Hygiene Education (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/dentistry/#text)

Dramatic Art (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/dramatic-art/#text)
Earth, Marine, and Environmental Sciences
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Education
Endodontics
English and Comparative Literature
Environmental Sciences and Engineering
Epidemiology
Exercise and Sport Science
Folklore (AMST)
Genetics and Molecular Biology (BBSP)
Geography
Geological Sciences
German Studies
Global Studies
Government
Health Behavior
Health Informatics
Health Policy and Management
History
Human Movement Science
Information and Library Science
Journalism and Media
Law
Linguistics
Marine Sciences
Materials Science
Maternal and Child Health
Mathematics
Medicine - Health Sciences
Microbiology and Immunology (BBSP)
Musicology
Neuroscience (BBSP)
Nursing
Nutrition
Occupational Therapy
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Orthodontics
Pathology (BBSP)
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Pharmaceutical Sciences (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/eshelman-school-pharmacy/#text)

Pharmacology (BBSP) (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/pharmacology/#text)

Philosophy (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/philosophy/#text)

Physician Assistant Studies (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/physician-assistant-studies/)

Physics and Astronomy (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/physics-astronomy/#text)

Political Science (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/political-science/#text)

Prosthodontics (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/dentistry/#text)

Psychology (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/psychology-neuroscience/#text)

Public Administration (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/government/#text)

Public Health Leadership (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/public-health-leadership-program/)

Public Policy (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/public-policy/#text)

Regulatory Science (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/eshelman-school-pharmacy/#text)

Religious Studies (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/religious-studies/#text)

Romance Languages and Literatures (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/romance-studies/#text)

School Counseling (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/education/#text)

School Psychology (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/education/#text)

Social Work (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/social-work/#text)

Sociology (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/sociology/)

Speech and Hearing Sciences (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/division-speech-hearing-sciences/)

Statistics and Operations Research (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/statistics-operations-research/#text)

Studio Art (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/art/#text)

Toxicology (BBSP) (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/toxicology/#text)

Toxicology (PSM) (https://www.med.unc.edu/toxicology/professional-masters-studies/curriculum/)

Trans-Atlantic Masters (https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/political-science/#text)

**Master's Degree**

Additional details can be found on the Graduate Handbook’s Master’s Degree Requirements (https://handbook.unc.edu/masters.html) page. Please consult the program’s website to see which milestones apply.

**Graduate School Milestones**

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<td><strong>Master's Committee</strong></td>
<td>Members of the student’s master’s committee have been approved. See Thesis or Approved Substitute Requirements section.</td>
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<td><strong>Master's Oral Exam/Approved Exam Substitute</strong></td>
<td>Student has successfully completed a required oral examination or approved exam substitute. See Examinations section.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Master's Written Exam/Approved Exam Substitute</strong></td>
<td>Student has successfully passed a written exam or approved exam substitute. See Examinations section.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Master's Written Exam 2</strong></td>
<td>Student has successfully completed a second (or specialty) written exam. See Examinations section.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Thesis Substitute</strong></td>
<td>Student has completed an approved Master's Thesis Substitute. See Thesis or Approved Substitute Requirements section.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Thesis/Substitute Defense</strong></td>
<td>Student has completed the oral defense of the thesis or approved thesis substitute. See Thesis or Approved Substitute Requirements section.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Approved Master's Thesis</strong></td>
<td>Student has submitted their approved master's thesis, including revisions following its defense. See Thesis or Approved Substitute Requirements section.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Residence Credit</strong></td>
<td>Student has completed the minimum program residence credit of two semesters either by full-time registration or by part-time registration over several semesters. See Credit and Residence Requirements section.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Foreign Language</strong></td>
<td>Student has completed language requirement(s) if required by the program. See Foreign Language or Research Requirement section.</td>
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**Master’s Exit Survey**  
Student has provided feedback on graduate education quality and experiences by completing the graduating student exit survey. See Graduating Student Exit Survey page [https://gradschool.unc.edu/about/data/exit/](https://gradschool.unc.edu/about/data/exit/).

**Program Milestones**

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<td><strong>Master’s Professional Work Experience</strong></td>
<td>Professional Work Experience, Practicum, Internship; student participates in field-related practicum, internship, or professional work experience for the number of hours as defined by program requirements.</td>
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<td><strong>Master’s Prospectus Meeting</strong></td>
<td>Meeting between student and director of graduate studies to propose capstone project and set master’s committee prior to any exams.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Master’s IRB Compliance</strong></td>
<td>Student completes IRB training and verifies compliance with program requirements</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Master’s Competency Review</strong></td>
<td>Review reflects the mastery of one or multiple research skills that are generally determined by the student and master’s committee. Program details may differ; please consult your program handbook for more information.</td>
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**Doctoral Degree**

Additional details can be found on the Graduate Handbook’s Doctoral Degree Requirements [https://handbook.unc.edu/phd.html](https://handbook.unc.edu/phd.html) page. Please consult the program’s website to see which milestones apply.

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<td><strong>Doctoral Written Exam 2</strong></td>
<td>Student has successfully completed a second (or specialty) comprehensive written exam. See Examination section.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Prospectus Oral Exam</strong></td>
<td>Student has completed an oral exam of their prospectus; their committee has judged the dissertation project proposal to be feasible and research may begin. See Dissertation Requirements section.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Foreign Language</strong></td>
<td>Student has satisfied language requirement(s) if required by the program. See Foreign Language or Research Requirement section.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Advanced to Candidacy</strong></td>
<td>Student has passed both the doctoral oral and written comprehensive examinations, completed all coursework required by the programs of the major and minor(s), and have met any foreign language requirements; the only outstanding requirement for degree completion is the dissertation. Transcripts for students admitted to candidacy will contain the statement &quot;Advanced to Candidacy for Doctorate&quot; at the end of the term in which posted. See Graduate Handbook - Doctoral Degree section.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Dissertation Defense</strong></td>
<td>Student has completed the oral defense of the dissertation. See Examination section.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Doctoral Dissertation Approved/Format Accepted</strong></td>
<td>Student has submitted their approved dissertation, including revisions following its defense. See Dissertation Requirements section.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Residence Credit</strong></td>
<td>Student has completed the minimum program residence credit of four semesters either by full-time registration or by part-time registration over several semesters. See Credit and Residence Requirements section.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Doctoral Exit Survey</strong></td>
<td>Student has provided feedback on graduate education quality and experiences by completing the graduating student exit survey. See Graduating Student Exit Survey page <a href="https://gradschool.unc.edu/about/data/exit/">https://gradschool.unc.edu/about/data/exit/</a>.</td>
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## Program Milestones

### Doctoral Professional Work Experience
Professional Work Experience, Practicum, Internship; Student participates in field-related practicum, internship, or professional work experience for the number of hours as defined by program requirements. Program details may differ; please consult your program handbook for more information.

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<td>Doctoral Practicum Paper</td>
<td>Following a doctoral professional work experience or practicum, a separate practicum reflection paper is required.</td>
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<td>Doctoral Reflection Paper</td>
<td>Leadership Paper; Students are required to write a reflection paper. Program details may differ; please consult your program handbook for more information.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Doctoral Teaching Experience</td>
<td>Student participates in teaching a course as an assistant or instructor of record.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Doctoral Manuscript Submission</td>
<td>Student is required to submit an article for publication.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Doctoral Research Experience</td>
<td>Student participates in field-related, sustained research activities for the number of hours as defined by program requirements.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Doctoral Intradepartmental Review</td>
<td>Internal program meeting with student to ensure student is on track with completion of program requirements and is receiving adequate departmental support. The program may use this meeting to cover competencies and/or research skills (e.g., scientific writing, statistical computing).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Doctoral IRB Compliance</td>
<td>Student completes IRB training and verifies compliance with program requirements.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Doctoral Preparatory Committee Review</td>
<td>Meeting of student's committee with student in preparation for milestones such as final dissertation defense or comprehensive exam (Comprehensive Exam Memo); may include goals such as presentation of research and progress to receive consultation prior to completing the research process or a document that reflects preparation for the comprehensive exam. Program details may differ; please consult your program handbook for more information.</td>
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### Doctoral Competency Review
Review reflects the mastery of one or multiple research skills that are generally determined by the student and dissertation committee. Program details may differ; please consult your program handbook for more information.

### Doctoral Research Presentation
Student presents their research as required by the program. Program details may differ; please consult your program handbook for more information.