







MS degree program from a PhD (after at least one year of studies) or a thesis option MA or MS degree.

- If approved, a maximum of 8 credit hours in combination of 685 (Directed Studies) and 691 may be used.
  - Colleges/schools, departments, and interdisciplinary degree programs may establish additional requirements.
7. A maximum of 12 credit hours may be used, in any combination, of the following:
    - No more than 8 credit hours in a combination of 684, 691 (if permitted), or SOPH 680.
      - No more than 8 credit hours of 684 for thesis option Master's degrees.
      - No more than 3 credit hours of 684 for non-thesis option Master's degrees.
    - No more than 8 credit hours of 685 (Directed Studies).
    - No more than 3 credit hours of 690 (Theory of Research).
    - No more than 3 credit hours of 695 (Frontiers in Research).
  8. A maximum of 3 credit hours may be used toward the non-thesis option Master's degree, in any combination, of the following:
    - No more than 2 credit hours of 681 (Seminar).
    - No more than 3 credit hours of 684 (Professional Internship).
    - No more than 3 credit hours of 685 (Directed Studies).
  9. Certain zero-credit courses may be allowed for Master's degree programs:
    - A zero-credit 684 (Professional Internship) or 685 (Directed Studies) course is only allowed for non-thesis option Master's programs.
    - A zero-credit 681 (Seminar) course may be used for either thesis or non-thesis option Master's programs.
    - Other courses, including 691 (Research) hours, are not eligible for zero credit.
  10. No more than 25 percent of the total credit-hours required on the student's degree plan may be in any combination of 684, 685, 690, 691 (if permitted), and 695.
  11. A maximum of 9 hours of advanced undergraduate courses (300- or 400-level) may be considered for application to the degree plan.
  12. No more than 50 percent of the non-research coursework required for an in-person degree program may be completed through distance education courses.
  13. Continuing education or extension courses may not be used for graduate credit.

Some departments may have additional or more restrictive requirements. Exceptions will be permitted only in unusual cases and when petitioned by the student's advisory committee and approved by the Graduate and Professional School.

## **Final Examination**

### **On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs**

A final examination is not required for the non-thesis Master of Science in Analytics program.