

# GENERAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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## Master's

### Time Limit and Credit Requirements

A master's degree must be completed within a five-year period, beginning with either the student's initial registration in the program or the date on which a course accepted for transfer was completed. The number of credits required for a master's degree depends on the particular program and the student's academic background; however, the minimum number of credits is 30, with no fewer than 24 credits taken at Fordham University as part of the program.

### Comprehensive Assessments

Comprehensive, end-of-program assessments, such as the development of a professional portfolio, the completion of comprehensive examinations, or the demonstration of professional competencies, are required in all graduate programs. Students should consult their advisers or division chairperson for specific information regarding format and content of comprehensive examinations/assessments. Students must register to take these assessments during the semester they complete their course requirements or after all coursework is completed. See course registration materials for appropriate call numbers for comprehensive assessments.

If students are not registering for other courses during the semester in which they plan to register for this assessment, they must register for Maintenance of Matriculation. Check the academic calendar for deadlines for registration and for the administration dates. Students who are not successful on these assessments may register to retake them the following semester. If the second assessment is also unsatisfactory, the student's matriculation will be terminated.