Graduate Academic Program

Degrees Offered

Nebraska Wesleyan University provides the following graduate degrees:

- Master of Arts in Historical Studies (MAHS)
- Master of Forensic Science (MFS)
- Master of Science in Forensic Science (MSFS)
- Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

Graduate Degree Requirements

All candidates for graduate degrees must complete the following requirements:

- A minimum of 33 credit hours, of which at least 24 hours must be completed at Nebraska Wesleyan.
- Completion of degree program course requirements, as specified by the pertinent program.
- A minimum GPA of 2.50 with a minimum grade of “B-” for courses meeting graduate program requirements.

Residency Requirement

Students earning a graduate degree must complete at least 24 hours of graduate work toward the degree at Nebraska Wesleyan.

Time Limit/Catalog Determination of Degree Requirements

Master of Arts in Historical Studies and Master of Science in Nursing students must complete all coursework in their master’s degree plan within 10 years from the time of matriculation in the MAHS or MSN degree programs. Master of Forensic Science students must complete all coursework in their master’s degree plan within seven years from the time of matriculation in the MFS degree program.

Note: Any degree completion limits for the master’s degrees can be extended for the length of documented military deployment.

Students must meet graduation requirements stipulated in the catalog under which they first matriculate in their master’s degree program. However, a student may select requirements announced in a subsequent catalog instead of those in effect when he or she first matriculated. If a course listed under a student’s degree requirements is no longer offered, it will be replaced with a course determined by the program.

Graduation

Each student is responsible for making certain he or she has met all degree requirements. Advising and an online analysis help students monitor their progress toward graduation.

Candidacy for Graduation

In order to be a candidate for graduation, a student must file his or her graduation application in the Registrar's Office. It is recommended that this take place one semester prior to graduation so that if there are any deficiencies in the student's record, the student may adjust his or her schedule as needed. The faculty recommends graduation candidates to the Nebraska Wesleyan Board of Governors for approval. Nebraska Wesleyan confers degrees twice per year, December and May; however, graduation ceremonies are held once a year in May. All candidates are encouraged to participate in the commencement program; however, students have the option of graduating in absentia.

No student is allowed to participate as a graduation candidate in more than one commencement program unless returning for a second degree. See the Registrar's Office for additional information.

Withdrawal from Master's Program

A student wishing to withdraw from a master's program must declare in writing his or her intentions to withdraw from the program. This request will provide the student an inactive status for one academic year. Within the year the student may reactive his or her participation in the program by notifying the program director and re-registering for courses. After one year, the student is terminated from the program unless he or she has applied for and been granted an extension of their inactive status. Any terminated student who wished to re-enter a program must re-apply for admission, send a new application fee and follow all other required application procedures in place at the time of reapplication.

Earning a Second Master’s Degree

Second Master’s Degree for Nebraska Wesleyan Master’s Graduates
A Nebraska Wesleyan master’s graduate wishing to earn a second master’s degree must meet all requirements for the second master’s degree. A maximum of six hours of program-approved credit from the first master’s degree may be used toward the second master’s degree. The culminating research/internship/major project of the two degrees must be distinct.

Master’s Degree at Nebraska Wesleyan for Master’s Graduates from Another Institution
A person wishing to earn a master’s degree at Nebraska Wesleyan who has already received a master’s degree from another regionally accredited institution must complete at least 24 hours of graduate work at Nebraska Wesleyan. The degree shall not be in the same discipline as the degree the student has previously earned. Fulfillment of all program requirements is required. The culminating research/internship/major project must be earned through Nebraska Wesleyan.

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