written examination administered by the department or program or (2) successfully completing a course in the language at whatever level is specified by the program.

With the support of the program and the approval of the graduate dean, students may receive credit for foreign language examinations or course work completed not more than four years before being admitted to graduate study at UCR.

**Standards of Scholarship**

Only courses in which grades of “A,” “B,” “C,” or “S” are received may be counted toward satisfying graduate degree requirements. To continue in good standing and obtain an advanced degree, students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00. In addition, students must demonstrate acceptable progress toward their degree objectives. This entails the acceptable completion of all course work and other degree requirements in a timely fashion.

Students are considered to be making unacceptable progress and become subject to dismissal when

1. They have 12 or more units of “I” grades (incomplete course work) outstanding
2. The overall GPA falls below 3.00
3. The quarterly GPA falls below 3.00 for two consecutive quarters
4. They fail to fulfill program requirements such as examinations or research in a timely and satisfactory manner, or
5. They have not completed their programs within one year after reaching the normative time (discussed below).

**Master’s Degree**

The minimum academic residence in the UC is three quarters, two of which must be spent at the Riverside campus.

Unless otherwise stated in the program description, the normative time required to complete the master’s degree is two years.

The master’s degree can generally be earned in one of two ways: by writing a thesis or by passing a comprehensive examination. Some programs offer only one of these options.

Both plans require a minimum of 36 quarter units of graduate or upper-division undergraduate work in the major subject or some other subject deemed relevant by the program faculty.

**Plan I (Thesis)** requires that at least 24 of the required units be in graduate-level courses taken at a campus of the UC. Of these, only 12 may be in graduate research for the thesis (courses numbered 297 or 299). In addition to requiring an acceptable thesis, the department may require any examination that it feels necessary to confirm that the student has an appropriate knowledge of the discipline.

**Plan II (Comprehensive Examination)** requires that at least 18 units be in graduate-level courses taken at a UC campus. None of these may be in courses numbered 297 or 299. Every candidate must take a comprehensive examination, the content of which is determined by the department or program.

Master’s students in residence and in good standing may earn course credit by examination. Consult the departmental graduate advisor for further details.

**Advancement to Candidacy in Master’s Program**

Students must file for advancement to candidacy no later than the third week of the quarter in which they expect to receive their degree, and their program may include work in progress at that time. The forms for advancement to candidacy are obtained from and filed in the Graduate Division after obtaining the graduate advisor’s approval. In the event of some unexpected delay, students have up to one year from the completion date of all course requirements to complete their remaining academic requirements.

**Duplication of Degree**

Permission to work for a second master’s degree may be approved when there is little relation in content between the two degrees. Duplication of a master’s degree in a single field is not permitted, and duplication of a doctorate is rarely permitted, regardless of the field of study.

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1. Applications are not accepted from students wishing to work toward the master’s degree only.
2. This program is no longer accepting new students.

**Continuing from the Master’s to the Doctorate**

Students who are enrolled in a master’s program may petition to pursue the doctorate in their field of study. To do so, they should file a Change in Degree Objective Form with the Graduate Division while they are enrolled. Approval by the department is automatic; the department determines whether or not each student has the academic potential to succeed in its Ph.D. program. This requirement for evaluating each student’s potential and academic fitness to proceed toward the Ph.D. is enforced regardless of what the student’s initial degree objective was at matriculation.