

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES M.S.

General Graduate Program Requirements

Graduate School policies and standards can be found on the Graduate School Policies page (<https://catalog.umt.edu/graduate/school-policies/>).

The minimum GPA for any graduate program is 3.0. Individual programs may require more than a 3.0 to remain in good standing.

The minimum grade for a course to be accepted toward any requirement is C. Individual programs may require higher grades for specific courses.

Master of Science - Interdisciplinary Studies

The Interdisciplinary Master of Science program has a unique application process, which prospective students are encouraged to read closely.

The M.A./M.S. program website (<https://www.umt.edu/grad/explore/interdisciplinary-graduate-programs/prospective-students/mis.php>) lays out the application process, the structure of the coursework, and the committee membership that each candidate proposes as part of their application process. Each applicant must submit a plan of study, created in consultation with prospective committee members.

Students must choose from the following options:

30 Credit Thesis Option

- Students must complete 30 credits of graduate-level coursework chosen in consultation with their advisor; students must do the graduate increment of any 400-level classes.
- Students will complete a thesis proposal (format to be determined by the student's graduate committee) approximately one year after beginning the program.
- Students must satisfactorily complete an oral defense of the thesis.

36 Credit Non-Thesis Option

- Students must complete 36 credits of graduate-level coursework chosen in consultation with their advisor; students must do the graduate increment of any 400-level classes..
- Students must satisfactorily complete:
- A comprehensive exam, format to be determined by the student's graduate committee; **and**
- One of three options:
 - a. A professional paper – a publishable quality paper, which shall consist of an article-length, monographic study based substantially on primary sources.
 - b. Three short critical papers or products that show creative work – merit to be judged by your graduate committee.
 - c. A paper submitted to a nationally recognized journal.