ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY

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Policy on Completing A Second Degree

The School of Graduate Studies policy on completing a second degree contains the policies and regulations of the Alcorn State University School of Graduate Studies. This policy has been established by the School of Graduate Studies Graduate Council to ensure consistent standards across Graduate programs.

I. SECOND MASTER'S DEGREE

A. A Second Master's Degree from Alcorn State University

1. Applicants holding a graduate degree in one area may earn a second master's degree in another area at Alcorn State University.
2. Students who already have a master's degree in an area from Alcorn State University may earn a second master's degree with fewer than the usual number of credits if the core courses in the first degree are the **same** for the second degree and are completed within the maximum time limit of six years. Including the core courses previously completed all degree programs require at least 30 semester hours of credit. (Some programs will require more than a total of 30 semester hours.)
3. Completion of any unduplicated core courses will be required. For endorsements that share course requirements, course substitutions will be selected.
4. Academic units may specify additional requirements depending on the length of the program, prerequisites for the individual student, and/or the nature of the first degree.
5. Second master's degrees are not allowed in the same program of study for students who earned their first master's degree at Alcorn State University or at any other university.
6. Dual enrollment in different programs concurrently is not permitted. Thus, students may only be enrolled in one program of study at a time.
7. Students applying for a second master's must satisfy the admission requirements of the academic unit for the proposed program of study.

B. A Second Master's Degree When the First Degree Received From A Different University

1. Students coming to the University with a master's degree from another institution may receive a master's degree from the University in a different field.
2. For students who earned their first master's degree at another institution, no coursework may be repeated from the first program of study.
3. Only six transfer hours from the first program of study may be counted toward the second master's degree if the maximum time limit does not exceed six years on the coursework.
4. The academic unit for the second master's must approve the transfer credits and they must be recorded on the student's program of study sheet.

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