

# Exit Requirements

In accordance with guidelines for degree completion, students must satisfy several requirements to exit the degree program. Students must 1) maintain a grade point average of 3.00 or higher with no more than two Cs earned, 2) complete the number of required course credits based on the program of study at the 500 level or above, 3) complete a thesis/non-thesis project or pass a CORE and AREA Exam, 4) must be deemed an Unconditional student, 5) transcript must not reflect any grades below a C that the student has not reenrolled, 6) must apply for graduation and pay the graduation application fee, 7) must successfully complete all program requirements, and 8) must complete all coursework.

**Thesis Track** – Students are required to write a thesis, successfully defend it, and submit the bound manuscript to the graduate office to fulfill a graduation requirement to exit the degree program. IRB certification and approval are required for research involving human subjects. The thesis is certified by the Office of Graduate Studies and the grade for the thesis course is issued upon completion of the approved manuscript.

**Non-Thesis Track** – Completion of a three-chapter manuscript is required for students pursuing a non-thesis degree track. The non-thesis is certified by the Office of Graduate Studies and the grade for the non-thesis course is issued upon completion of the approved manuscript.

**Capstone** – Programs requiring a capstone require students to complete a capstone course and successfully complete a culminating experience pertinent to the program. The capstone is certified by the Office of Graduate Studies and the grade for the capstone course is issued upon completion of the approved manuscript

**Core and Area Exam** – Students admitted to programs in the Department of Education and Psychology are required to pass a written comprehensive exam. Core courses that are common to all programs require students to sit for an exam to test their knowledge in the core courses. Students taking an Area exam are assessed for their knowledge of content specific courses in their discipline. Students register in the Department of Education and Psychology to undergo these examinations.

**36 Hours** – 33 hours of coursework and 3 hours of a capstone course, and ETS Exit Exam (for MBA Program only)

**Graduate Exit Survey** – All prospective graduates are expected to complete the Graduate Student Exit Survey as a requirement for degree completion. This survey is completed during the degree audit phase to clear for graduation. The questions encompass the student's 'perception of his/her degree program and career plans. The feedback is used for continuous program improvement.