

HONS497***Senior Honors Research***

Independent research or creative work to produce the Honors Thesis, typically supervised by a professor within the student's major field. The thesis is filed in the James White Library to facilitate wider academic access. An approved thesis requires 2-6 credits.

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Admission

HONS498***Interdisciplinary Honors Seminar***

Presentation of the Honors Thesis to an interdisciplinary audience; requires previous thesis approval by the Honors Council. Grades assigned according to both research and communication.

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The graduate programs at Andrews University are characterized by academic quality, attention to research, close individual student/professor interaction, and an emphasis on the spiritual dimensions of the various content fields. The university welcomes students in harmony with these ideals to apply for admission to its graduate programs.

HOW TO APPLY**Request Application Materials**

Telephone: 800-253-2874 toll free

Web site: <http://www.andrews.edu>

Postal Address:

Graduate Admissions Office

Andrews University

Michigan English Language Assessment Battery.

- Completion of the Andrews University English Language Institute course *Advanced Level* (ENSL115, 116) with a grade of B or above in all classes, and an exit exam.
* *Some programs require higher scores.*

ADMISSION TO GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Although graduate students register for course work in one of the colleges/schools of the university, the School of Graduate Studies, an administrative unit that coordinates university-wide academic and research quality on behalf of the graduate faculty monitors decisions regarding admission, academic progress, and eligibility for graduation of students in most programs. Departments and programs may have additional requirements for admission. Consult the relevant portions of this bulletin for such requirements.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY PROFESSIONAL MINISTERIAL DEGREES

Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry
Master of Arts in Youth Ministry
Master of Divinity
Doctor of Ministry

Professional degrees in the Theological Seminary are not under the supervision of the School of Graduate Studies. See the Theological Seminary section of this bulletin for academic standards for these degrees.

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

AMPT, MA, MAT, MBA, MMus, MPT, MS, MSA, MSCLS, MSPT, MSW, MTh

To qualify for regular admission to the master's-degree programs governed by the School of Graduate Studies and listed above, students must meet the following minimum academic standards in addition to fulfilling the general admission requirements on p. 33.

- Hold a four-year baccalaureate degree from an accredited American university or senior college, or its equivalent from a comparable institution outside the U.S.
- Demonstrate adequate undergraduate preparation in the proposed field of graduate study and in breadth of general education, assessed by the respective schools and departments which designate certain prerequisites and achievement standards in the applicant's undergraduate subject-matter preparation. See specific school and departmental requirements.
- Indicate ability to handle master's-level work in the language of instruction. See Required English Proficiency standards on p. 33.
- Show evidence of ability to pursue advanced study as listed below. Some specific programs require a higher GPA for admission—see department/program requirements in other sections of this bulletin.

Minimum GPA Requirements for

Admission. Satisfy one of the criteria below:

- 2.60 cumulative undergraduate GPA.
- 2.75 GPA on last 50% of undergraduate courses.
- 3.50 graduate GPA on at least 12 credits earned in courses graded A–F.
- Previous master's degree.

ADVANCED DEGREES IN THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Educational Specialist (EdS)
Doctor of Education (EdD)
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
Doctor of Theology (ThD)

To qualify for regular admission to a specialist or doctoral program, students must meet the following minimum academic standards in addition to fulfilling the general admission requirements on p. 33.

- Hold a baccalaureate degree or master's degree in an area appropriate to the major emphasis of the specialist or doctoral program from an accredited American university or college, or its equivalent from a comparable institution outside the U.S.
- Show evidence of superior scholarship in undergraduate- or graduate-level work with a minimum of 18 credits. This normally is demonstrated by a cumulative GPA of no less than 3.50 for doctoral or 3.20 for specialist.
- Provide evidence of adequate preparation in the proposed field of graduate study and in breadth of general education, assessed by the respective schools and departments which designate certain prerequisites and achievement standards in the applicant's subject-matter preparation.
- Show evidence of the ability to handle specialist- or doctoral-level work in the language of instruction. See Required English Proficiency standards on p. 33.

ADMISSION/ENROLLMENT CATEGORIES

Students are admitted and enrolled under one of the following categories:

Regular Status. Students are admitted on a regular basis who meet

- General admission requirements
- Minimum academic standards for graduate programs at Andrews University
- Specific admission requirements of the departments/programs in which they plan to enroll.

Provisional Status. Students who fail to meet one or more of the requirements for regular admission may be admitted on a provisional basis. However, in the judgment of the appropriate department chair, program director, dean, or graduate program coordinator, they must have the ability to successfully undertake the proposed program. At the time of provisional admission, the nature of the deficiency and the plan and deadline for its removal is specified. The deadline for completion of this plan to meet all the regular status requirements is no later than the completion of 50% of the total graduate program requirements for master's programs and 16 credits for EdS and doctoral programs. Students failing to meet these specifications are dropped from the program to which they were provisionally admitted.

Students enrolled on provisional status may not

- register for thesis or independent study,
- request advancement to degree candidacy,
- take comprehensive examinations.

Permission to Take Classes (PTC). PTC is a temporary enrollment designation, not an admission category. The PTC status is especially designed to facilitate the enrollment of qualified students in special classes including workshops and guest students from other universities.

Permission to take classes status is for

- Applicants who have no intention of earning a graduate degree from Andrews University.
- Graduate students who are not enrolled at

Some students may be required to take English language studies full time for the first and/or second semester(s) in residence until English language skills are at an acceptable level. Because students will incur additional expenses by having to take remedial English, they are encouraged, wherever possible, to obtain an acceptable proficiency in English before enrolling at Andrews University.

The MELAB is offered at Andrews University five times per year. Check with the Counseling and Testing Center for exact dates and registration applications. The Institutional TOEFL is offered three times per year.

Full-time Status. For international graduate students to retain their status as full-time students as required by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), they must enroll for a minimum of 8 credits each semester while in the U.S. They may also work on a part-time basis only if satisfactory academic performance is maintained and such work is allowed by the INS. School of Education students, see full-time status, p. 176.

DUAL ENROLLMENT STATUS

Dual enrollment is available to graduate students who want to accumulate undergraduate credits toward an additional undergraduate degree while concurrently working on a graduate degree. This status is also available to graduate students who want to pursue two graduate degrees simultaneously.

Graduate/Undergraduate Dual Enrollment

The student must satisfy *all* of the following requirements:

- Have completed a four-year baccalaureate degree from an accredited American university or senior college, or its equivalent
- Be accepted on regular or provisional status in a graduate program at Andrews University
- Normally take no more than 16 credits combined graduate and undergraduate each semester.

The limitations on the undergraduate credits taken are the following:

- Credits earned toward the additional baccalaureate degree may not be used also to count towards the total necessary for completion of the graduate program
- The GPA on undergraduate credit does not count toward the graduate GPA.

Graduate/Graduate Dual Enrollment

The student must satisfy *all* of the following requirements:

- Have completed a four-year baccalaureate degree from an accredited American university or senior college, or its equivalent
- Be accepted on a regular or provisional basis into the two graduate programs in which enrollment is desired
- Submit a planned program for completion of the two graduate programs to advisers from both programs for their approval. The advisers must meet with and counsel the student regarding the planned program prior to approval. Until such approval, the student is admitted to the dual enrollment status on a provisional basis only. When the planned program has been approved, the advisers communicate such approval to the appropriate school deans/graduate program coordinators and to the dean of the School of Graduate

Studies, who will clear the student for regular admission into the two programs. Advisers from both programs continue to approve course work on a semester to semester basis as the student continues on dual enrollment. Changes and exceptions related to the planned program must be approved through regular channels, including both schools, if more than one school is involved in the proposed graduate programs.

The limitations on the credits taken are the following:

- The student must satisfy the GPA requirements and program expectations of both programs.
- The usual regulations and limits with respect to transfer credit apply when taking two degrees concurrently. Students taking more than one master's degree concurrently may not use more than 20% of the credits from one degree program to apply to another degree program, unless appropriate approvals are obtained for an exception. Students enrolled for two degrees at different levels—for example, the EdS and the PhD—must meet the minimum requirements for total credits taken from Andrews University for each degree.
- The same provisions for normal course loads at the graduate level apply as for all graduate programs.
- If the two degrees are at the same level (i.e., each is a master's degree), the two courses of study cannot be within the same major field.

SPECIAL TYPES OF ADMISSION

Admission for Returning Students. Students returning after an absence of one semester or more, including the summer semester, must notify the Graduate Admissions Office of their intention to return. Students who arrive on campus without having notified the Graduate Admissions Office may encounter a delay in their registration. Application materials may be obtained from the Graduate Admissions Office.

Enrollment of Guest Students. Students who are enrolled in a graduate school of another college or university may enroll for courses in the graduate programs of Andrews University under the PTC status. (See *Permission to Take Classes*, p. 34). Application forms for such admission are available at the Graduate Admissions Office.

Admission to a Second Graduate Degree Program. Students who have completed one graduate degree may apply to be accepted into another graduate-degree program at the same level if they meet the department requirements for admission to such a degree program and if the proposed course of study is not within the same major field or is not similar to a degree previously completed. The usual regulations and limits with respect to transfer credit apply when taking a second graduate degree. (See p. 37 on transfer credit.)

Admission—Resident Scholars. Scholars who have attained doctoral status or the equivalent from a recognized university, and other recognized scholars who wish to continue study and research in special fields, may be granted the use of the library facilities as guests of the university upon application to the appropriate dean or graduate program coordinator. Such

privileges are granted upon recommendation of the department in which the work will be done.

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adviser to develop a schedule of courses that ensures the student will raise his/her cumulative GPA above the required 3.00 in a timely manner, normally the following semester. The dean/graduate program coordinator of the school/college must approve such a plan. Any student who does not meet such a plan is not allowed to continue except by the recommendation of the dean/graduate program coordinator and approval by the dean of the School of Graduate Studies.

- Students who accumulate more than 4 grades below B- (including U) normally are not allowed to continue. Exceptions must be approved by the appropriate dean/graduate program coordinator of the college/school and the dean of the School of Graduate Studies.
- Students who have been accepted provisionally to a degree program must meet the planned schedule for removing any deficiencies or earning a minimum GPA.
 1. English-language deficiencies must be met by the time the student has completed no more than 50% of his/her course work or 25% of his/her course work for doctoral students.
 2. Undergraduate deficiencies should be met by the time the master's degree student has completed no more than 50% of his/her course work. Doctoral students should take care of background deficiencies before starting on required doctoral course work.
 3. A minimum GPA of 3.00 must be met by the time the student has completed 9 graduate credits.
 4. A student who does not meet this schedule is not allowed to continue except by the recommendation of the dean/graduate program coordinator and approval by the dean of the School of Graduate Studies.
- Students on academic probation or provisional status may not
 1. Register for thesis, dissertation, or independent study (or workshop credit for doctoral students)
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for Doctoral Students. A petition for transfer of credit is considered only after an official transcript for the course is received.

Exceptions. Exceptions to course-transfer regulations must be approved by the dean of the School of Graduate Studies on a standard petition form upon the recommendation of the dean/graduate program coordinator of the college/school. Any such exceptions must be considered individually and justification provided that preserves the quality of the master's requirements. Exceptions for whole programs must be voted by the Graduate Council but thereafter do not need individual approval on petitions.

STUDENT SUPERVISORY COMMITTEES

Master's Degree Committees. A student's project supervisory committee normally consists of a minimum of two members nominated by the department chair/program director/area coordinator in consultation with the student and appointed by the appropriate dean or graduate program coordinator. For a master's thesis, the committee consists of the thesis adviser and normally two other members. Except for an interdisciplinary master's degree for which a committee is appointed prior to initial registration, all other master's-degree student committees are appointed after some course work has been completed and prior to registration for thesis credits. On rare occasions, a student's committee may be changed while study or research is still in progress. This may be done only in consultation with the appropriate dean or graduate program coordinator. The chair of the supervisory committee is the student's chief adviser. The function of the committee is to guide the student in his/her research and writing of the project/thesis.

A student's supervisory committee may be augmented with additional members for the oral defense of the thesis. These additional committee members have full voting rights.

The term of service of a student's committee is deemed to have expired when a student has graduated or when registration has been terminated.

A thesis/dissertation is approved if there is no more than one negative vote, an abstention being recorded as a negative vote. The department chair or program director is responsible for notifying the appropriate dean or graduate program coordinator of the outcome of the defense.

The decision of a student's examining committee is recorded and signed on the appropriate form and submitted to the appropriate dean or graduate program coordinator with a copy to the Academic Records Office.

After the defense:

- The student makes all corrections.
- No later than two weeks before graduation, the student submits the thesis/dissertation to the School of Graduate Studies via the dissertation secretary for approval to duplicate, at which time changes made after the defense should be pointed out.
- After the dissertation secretary has given approval to duplicate, the student has two options:
 1. The student personally arranges for duplicating the thesis/dissertation. Masters' students deliver three unbound copies of the thesis to the Library Director's office (James White Library, Room 200). Doctoral students deliver three unbound copies of the dissertation to the Library Director's office and also deliver one unbound copy to the dissertation secretary to be processed for microfiching.
 2. The dissertation secretary arranges for duplicating with Andrews University's LithoTech, and the student's account is billed.
- The deadline for theses/dissertations to be turned in to the Library is no later than Wednesday, a week and a half before graduation. Strict adherence to this deadline is essential or graduation is postponed.
- Students wanting to purchase additional bound copies identical to those housed at Andrews University must fill out mailing labels and customs declaration forms (when applicable). Students are billed for binding, postage, and handling.

A committee chair usually assists a student by way of a check sheet to ensure the prescribed deadlines are met. The thesis/dissertation may be handed in at any time during the year, but the deadlines listed here determine date of graduation.

The grade for a thesis is S or U. A deferred grade (DG) is given while a thesis/dissertation is still being written or corrected.