Suggested Policy Change for Applied Master’s Degree Program Option

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Applied Master’s degrees are indicated by a three- or five-letter designation, e.g., MSPD for the Master of Special Education. Applied Master’s degrees cannot be designated as M.S. (Master of Science) or M.A. (Master of Arts). These designations are reserved for the Thesis and Research Paper Options only. For specific program requirements, contact the program coordinator.

The degree programs that offer Applied Master’s degrees are: Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT), Special Education (MSPD), and Master of Business Administration (MBA).

1. Course Requirements: A minimum of thirty (30) credits is required in the Applied Master's Option. This does not include the credits granted for the final/capstone experience. A maximum of ten (10) graduate semester credits or the equivalent may be considered in transfer from another regionally accredited U.S. or approved international college or university (see Transfer Credit Requirements in this section), when using credits from previous Graduate Special status, or when completing a second/dual degree (see Dual Degree/Program).

2. Final/Capstone Experience Requirements: Every Applied Master Program must include a capstone experience, i.e. an experiential-based activity typical of preparation for practice in the field. The capstone project must be prepared in accordance with the "Applied Master’s Handbook," and any additional corresponding formatting manual required by the department. For specific requirements for the capstone experience, refer to Graduation Requirements for Applied Master’s Degrees.