PATH TO A MASTER’S DEGREE IN PHARMACY

Graduate programs at the College of Pharmacy give you access to world-class researchers in a state-of-the-art facility. With few mandatory electives, you’ll have the flexibility to create a program that meets your needs and suits your interests.

Follow the steps below to find your path to a master’s degree in Pharmacy.

**COMPLETE A BACHELOR’S DEGREE**
Start your journey with a 4-year undergraduate degree in disciplines including, but not limited to:

- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Cell biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Sciences
- Pharmacology/Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Pharmacy (B.Sc. and PharmD degrees)
- Statistics

**FIND AN ADVISOR**
All graduate students require a faculty member to serve as advisor. Visit the college website for a list of researchers currently accepting trainees.

If you don’t find the right fit, you can approach a faculty member whose interests more closely match your own.

The faculty member you select must formally agree to be your advisor before you move on to the next step.

**REVIEW DEADLINES**
Graduate studies offers three intakes per year – fall, winter and summer. Visit the graduate studies website to determine which start date is right for you.

**ESTABLISH YOUR ELIGIBILITY**
Review the requirements set out by the U of M’s Faculty of Graduate Studies to ensure you meet the minimum requirements for the master’s program. This will include a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (4.5 scale), based on the last 60 credit hours (or two full years or equivalent) of university study.

**APPLY**
Gather your documents, including transcripts, letters of recommendation and a curriculum vitae. Apply online through the Faculty of Graduate Studies website. The application fee is $100.

**COMPLETE THE MASTERS PROGRAM**
This program is comprised of both research and coursework, culminating in a master’s thesis. It requires a minimum two years of study. You must complete all the steps on the reverse of this handout to receive your degree.

**GRADUATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING**

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To be eligible for your graduate degree, you must complete all the steps below. Many of these activities will take place concurrently and do not need to be finished in a set order.

NOTE: This document is a reference and should not be considered a substitute for the academic guide, supplemental regulations, or college and faculty rules and processes.

COURSEWORK/ACADEMICS

Your coursework may take place at the beginning of your program; however, it will depend on the availability of courses offered. Students require approval from their advisor when selecting courses.

Highlighted Points
• Complete advisor-student guidelines
• Completion of 12 course credit hours
• Complete academic integrity tutorial (GRAD 7500)
• Attend the pharmacy seminar course during each year you are registered as a full-time student
• Maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 to continue in the Faculty of Graduate Studies

RESEARCH

Research components begin early and continue throughout your program.

Highlighted Points
• Establish thesis topic with advisor
• Completion of research proposal (~12 month milestone)
• Obtain other approvals as required (i.e. ethics)
• Conduct research
• Complete yearly progress reports

THESIS

All M.Sc. students will complete an oral examination to defend their thesis.

Highlighted Points
• Submit thesis for evaluation by the committee
• Prior to your oral thesis defence, you will need to complete PHRM M.Sc. thesis examination form
• Following this, you will proceed to organizing your oral examination (within two weeks of approval)
• Once your defence is complete, your master’s thesis final report will be submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies
• Review remaining requirements as outlined in the document ‘Information for graduands’

FINAL STEPS

Review convocation dates and deadlines available through the Registrar’s Office to determine when you will be eligible to graduate. All coursework and research must be completed and your thesis defended and submitted before you proceed to graduation.

Highlighted Points
• Determine your convocation date and deadlines
• Confirm your graduation date with the Dean’s office
• Submit your graduation intention through Aurora
• Receive your degree at Convocation

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