GRADUATE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Graduate College of Arts and Science Mission
Graduate programs within the College of Arts and Sciences are at the heart of the mission of Saint Joseph's University, and reflect the expansive nature of our educational philosophy. We offer a doctoral program, 15 master's degrees and non-degree programs to help students achieve academic growth and personal advancement.

Classification of Students

Matriculated Students
Students who have met all admission entrance requirements and are accepted with full standing into a degree program are classified as matriculated students.

Non-degree/Isolated Credit Students
Students who have not been formally accepted into a graduate program may be allowed by the appropriate graduate director to take courses as isolated credit students. Normally, no more than two graduate courses taken under this classification may be applied to a degree program. Students seeking to apply for isolated credit status are subject to the same admission standards as degree-seeking applicants.

Visiting Students
Students in good standing in a graduate program at another accredited educational institution may take graduate courses on a visiting student basis if they provide a letter from the head of the graduate program of their degree-granting school stating that they are in good standing and that the institution will accept the course for credit. Visiting students must complete a graduate school application and pay the appropriate application fee.

Enrollment Status: Full-Time vs. Part-Time
The University defines full-time graduate student status as enrollment for nine (9) or more credits; part or half-time graduate student status is defined as eight (8) or fewer credits in a semester. The minimum number of credits a graduate student must be enrolled in to be eligible to apply for loans under the federal financial aid system is six (6) credits per semester or term.