

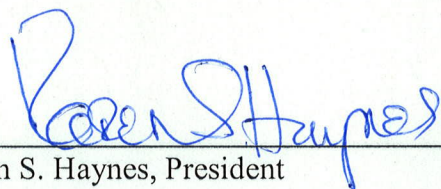
SECOND MASTER'S DEGREE

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Definition: This policy defines the requirements for a CSUSM applicant to pursue and earn a second master's degree in the same discipline for which they already hold a master's degree.

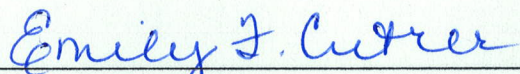
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Scope: Students seeking to pursue and earn a second master's degree in the same discipline for which they already hold a master's degree.

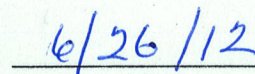


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I. ELIGIBILITY

CSUSM applicants may pursue and earn a second master's degree. In certain instances, applicants may wish to seek a second master's degree in the same discipline for which they already hold a master's degree in order to fulfill new career, professional, or specialization requirements. These applicants may seek a second master's degree for the same discipline if they:

- 1) meet the university admission requirements;
- 2) meet the master's program admission requirements (individual master's programs may elect not to consider applicants who already hold a master's degree in the same discipline; applicants should consult with the graduate program coordinator of the prospective master's program);
- 3) receive the consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies to pursue the second master's degree.

II. REQUIREMENTS

- A. The second master's degree must be based on:
- 1) a different option from the first master's degree (or in a different area of specialization in the case of a master's program without differentiated options); and
 - 2) a curriculum distinct from the first master's degree containing a minimum of 30 units of coursework different from those taken to earn the first master's degree.
- B. At least 70 percent of the coursework must be completed in residence and include a culminating experience.¹

¹ Individual master's programs may impose more restrictive requirements.