GENERAL ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS

All graduate work (except for the master’s degree in Law, J.D. in Law, and M.D. degree) at the University of Miami is under the direction of the Dean of the Graduate School and the Graduate Council.

All graduate students at the University of Miami are subject to the general standards and requirements of their programs in regard to attendance, examinations, payment of fees and conduct, as well as to the specific requirements of the Graduate School. The graduate student is expected to assume the initiative in completing all requirements in the time specified.

Prospective students should note that “graduate study” means an integrated program of advanced, specialized study, based on an undergraduate major and/or adequate background, presupposing academic and personal maturity, and making much more than average demand upon the industry, initiative and scholarship of the student. The term must be distinguished from “post-graduation study” which means merely that courses, not necessarily of graduate level, are taken after the student has received a bachelor’s degree.

To preserve its ideals of scholarship, conduct, and character, the Graduate School reserves the right and the student by his/her registration concedes the right, to require the withdrawal of any student for any reason deemed sufficient by the Graduate School at any time.

Time to Completion

Time to completion starts when a student begins any program in the Graduate School. All work must be completed within three (3) years of the start date to the graduate program, for those studying for the various master’s degrees. Individual programs may set a shorter time period. Exceptions may be granted by the Dean of the Graduate School at the request of the Graduate Program Director. Course availability may vary by program and term; therefore students who may need to withdraw or take a break from their program should work directly with their Academic Advisor to ensure timely completion within the three (3) year window.

A student is ineligible for financial aid when it becomes mathematically impossible for him/her to complete the program within 150% of the length of the program. The length of the program is the amount of time necessary for a student to complete all requirements for a degree or certificate.

Each online degree program has a minimum time within which a student may complete the degree if the student takes the courses on a continually enrolled basis. Online degrees are flexible, and the actual time to completion, within the three-year limit, can vary by student. However, if a student is not continuously enrolled for a period greater than one year, he or she must reapply to the program and will lose any tuition discounts previously applied to their account. A student may be eligible for any tuition discounts available to new students at the time of the student’s re-admission, and should contact the Online Enrollment Office to see if they qualify.

Graduate Transfer Credits

• Transfer credits from an outside institution may not be applied toward any online degree in the School of Business.
• A maximum of 6 credit hours may, with the permission of Program Director, be applied to the M.S. Ed. in Sport Administration degree online.
• Certain UOnline business courses may be transferable to other UOnline business programs. Students should contact their Academic Advisor at uonlineadvising@miami.edu to see if their courses are eligible to transfer.
• Graduate credit hours transferred from another university may not be applied toward a graduate degree at the University of Miami if their age at the time of acceptance into the University of Miami program exceeds six years. On an individual basis, students may be permitted to validate over-aged credit hours by examination, with program approval.
• Students in the UOnline degree programs may not transfer or transfer credit hours from the online degree version of these programs to the campus based versions of the programs without the permission of the Program Director and the Dean of the school.
• Students may not transfer any credits from any campus-based program to any of the UOnline programs without the permission of the Program Director and the Dean of the school.
• Students may not take any individual UOnline course and transfer into an existing campus program using the online course as an elective course option.
• Transfer credit hours grades will not be factored into a student’s cumulative grade point average at the University. Transfer credit hours only impact the number of credit hours earned.