

Preamble:

Most research masters are 30cr and the current policy requires 10 thesis credits. The remaining 20cr is not divisible by 3 so programs do not have a regular path to require seven 3cr courses. This update provides programs the option to have an approved curriculum in CIM that has either 9 or 10 thesis cr.

Current policy is <http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/policies-text-degree-requirements/#5.2.1>

Proposed policy:

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THESIS (590) CREDITS —

- At least nine (9) thesis credits (590 credits) must be completed successfully for thesis plan programs along with a minimum of twenty (20) content coursework credits. Students need to follow the credit combination and total that has been approved for their degree program (see the catalog for details). Students may take a larger number of 590 credits and not count all those credits toward degree requirements.