

GRADUATE CURRICULUM

Policy 5390 Graduate Curriculum

5390.1 Graduate Degree Program

A graduate degree program at Wright State University is a structured and coherent primary concentration of study. It allows graduate students to develop a specialized, in-depth field of study as part of their educational experience at the university. All aspects of the graduate program are administered by the designated department or unit. All degree programs must follow Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) credit hour requirements.

5390.1.1 Graduate Program Core

All graduate programs must contain a minimum of nine (9) semester credit hours of graduate-level coursework that every student within the program must complete. This will serve as the core for that program.

5390.1.2 Graduate Program Specialization

A specialization is a concentration, focus area, or a track that is an identified set of courses within a degree program indicating in-depth knowledge in a particular area of focus. Specializations must be composed of a minimum of nine (9) semester credit hours of graduate coursework that are distinct from the core courses. Successful completion of a degree program containing a named concentration will be noted on the official transcript. Completion of a track or focus area within a degree program will not be listed on the official transcript.

5390.2 Graduate Certificate

In order to earn a graduate certificate from Wright State University, a student must complete a minimum of nine graduate-level credit hours at Wright State in a program of study approved by the department/unit overseeing the graduate certificate (residency credits). Credit by evaluation or transfer credit will not be considered as residency credit. Credits earned before the awarding of a previous degree, including degrees earned at Wright State, will not be considered as residency credit. Credits earned as part of a concurrently awarded degree may be considered as residency credit.

5390.3 Graduate Microcredential

Graduate microcredentials are a competency-based, non-degree form of credential. Graduate microcredentials at Wright State University may consist of up to 8 graduate-level credit hours. If not otherwise prohibited, courses taken as part of a microcredential may be applied (double-counted) to a subsequent or concurrently awarded degree program of study without penalty.

Microcredentials that are not part of a degree program may not be eligible for financial aid. A graduate micro-credential must be taught by graduate-level faculty.