

# ENGINEERING MECHANICS: RESEARCH, MS

This is a named option within the Engineering Mechanics MS (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/mechanical-engineering/engineering-mechanics-ms/>).

The master of science, research degree in engineering mechanics is offered within a graduate program covering contemporary areas in both theoretical and applied mechanics. With the guidance of a major professor, a program can be designed to meet an individual student's needs and interests.

This program is broadly structured into several main areas of instruction and research interests in fluid and solid mechanics: continuum mechanics, computational mechanics, dynamics and vibration, nanomechanics, and biomechanics. Related fields include civil and environmental engineering, chemical and biological engineering, electrical and computer engineering, materials science, mechanical engineering, nuclear engineering and engineering physics, physics, geological engineering and geology, mathematics, statistics, and computer science.

Current faculty research interests include contact mechanics, elastic instabilities, micromechanics, wave propagation, adhesion and friction, multi-scale and high-performance computational modeling, multi-physics mechanics and transport, biophysics, nanotechnology and nanomaterials, mechanics of soft materials, bio-inspired materials, polymer thin-films, renewable energy, and acoustic/elastic metamaterials.

Laboratories are well equipped for experimental testing and research; these include, atomic force microscopy, vibration testing, and other optical methods for experimental mechanics research. The department has access to collegewide facilities. The Wisconsin Laboratory for Structures and Materials Testing has facilities for testing large structures, fatigue and vibration labs, and complements the department's laboratories. The Nanoscale Imaging and Analysis Center provides state-of-the-art instrumentation, support facilities, and expert technical assistance for research and education in materials. Its facilities include scanning and transmission electron microscopes, image processing and analysis systems, surface and thin film characterization facilities, and x-ray diffraction facilities.

## ADMISSIONS

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Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	December 15
Spring Deadline	September 1
Summer Deadline	December 15
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.*
English Proficiency Test	Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/</a> ).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

\* Submitted scores will not be used in admission decisions.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS

### Degree

For admission to graduate study in Engineering Mechanics, an applicant must have a bachelor's degree in engineering, mathematics, or physical science, and an undergraduate record that indicates an ability to successfully pursue graduate study. International applicants must have a degree comparable to a regionally accredited US bachelor's degree.

It is highly recommended that students take courses that cover the same material as these UW-Madison courses before entering the program:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Advanced Mathematics</b>		<b>3</b>
MATH 319	Techniques in Ordinary Differential Equations	
or MATH 320	Linear Algebra and Differential Equations	
or MATH 321	Applied Mathematical Analysis 1: Vector and Complex Calculus	
<b>Linear Algebra and Matrices</b>		<b>3</b>
MATH 320	Linear Algebra and Differential Equations	
or MATH 340	Elementary Matrix and Linear Algebra	
<b>Mechanics of Materials</b>		<b>3</b>
E M A 303	Mechanics of Materials	
<b>Dynamics</b>		<b>3</b>
E M A 202	Dynamics	
or PHYSICS 311	Mechanics	

Descriptions of course content can be accessed through Guide (<https://guide.wisc.edu/courses/>). Applicants may be admitted without having taken these courses. However, in such cases the applicants must inform their advisors, who will help them plan courses of study that will provide adequate background for our department's graduate curriculum.

All applicants must satisfy requirements that are set forth by the Graduate School (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>).

## GPA

The Graduate School requires a minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on the equivalent of the last 60 semester hours from the most recent bachelor's degree or a master's degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

## MS Thesis Track Advisor Selection Process

Applicants who intend to complete a thesis are encouraged to identify potential faculty advisors and seek a confirmation. Review the department Research (<https://engineering.wisc.edu/departments/mechanical-engineering/research/>) and People (<https://directory.engr.wisc.edu/me/faculty/>) websites and contact those whose research interests align with yours. Only faculty members listed with the titles of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor, can serve as graduate advisors. Do not contact Emeritus faculty, Lecturers, Research Scientists, or Faculty Associates. You are also encouraged to inquire about possible funding opportunities. If a faculty member agrees to be your advisor, ask the person to email an acknowledgment to [emgradadmission@engr.wisc.edu](mailto:emgradadmission@engr.wisc.edu).

## APPLICATION MATERIALS

Each application must include the following:

- Graduate School Application (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>)
- Academic transcripts
- Statement of purpose
- Resume/CV
- Three letters of recommendation
- English proficiency score (if required)
- Application Fee

## Academic Transcripts

Within the online application, upload the undergraduate transcript(s) and, if applicable, the previous graduate transcript. Unofficial copies of transcripts are required for review, but official copies are required for admitted applicants. Do not send transcripts or any other application materials to the Graduate School or the Department of Mechanical Engineering unless requested. Review the requirements set by the Graduate School (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) for additional information about degrees/transcripts.

## Statement of Purpose

In this document, applicants should explain why they want to pursue further education in Engineering Mechanics and discuss which UW faculty members they would be interested in doing research with during their graduate study (see the Graduate School for more advice on how to structure a personal statement (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/prepare/>)).

## Resume

Upload your resume in your application.

## Three Letters of Recommendation

These letters are required from people who can accurately judge the applicant's academic and/or research performance. It is highly recommended these letters be from faculty familiar with the applicant. Letters of recommendation are submitted electronically to graduate programs through the online application. See the Graduate School for FAQs (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>) regarding letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation are due by the deadline.

## English Proficiency Score

See English Proficiency Test policy above.

## Application Fee

Application submission must be accompanied by the one-time application fee. See the Graduate School for FAQs (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>) for information on the application fee.

Fee grants are available, refer to the applying for a fee grant (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/fee-grant/>) for information.

## REENTRY ADMISSIONS

If previously enrolled as a graduate student in the Engineering Mechanics program, and applicants have not earned their degree, but have had a break in enrollment for a minimum of a fall or spring term, an application to resume studies is required. Review the Graduate School: Readmission (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1230/>) for policy information. The previous faculty advisor (or another Engineering Mechanics faculty advisor) must be willing to supply advising support and should e-mail the Engineering Mechanics Graduate Student Services Coordinator regarding next steps in the process.

If previously enrolled in a UW-Madison graduate degree, completed that degree, have had a break in enrollment since earning the degree and would now like to apply for another UW-Madison program, applicants are required to submit a new student application through the UW-Madison Graduate School online application. For Engineering Mechanics graduate programs, you must follow the entire application process as described above.

## CURRENTLY ENROLLED GRADUATE STUDENT ADMISSIONS

Students currently enrolled as a graduate student at UW-Madison, whether in Engineering Mechanics or a non-Engineering Mechanics graduate program, wishing to apply to this degree program should contact the Engineering Mechanics Graduate Admissions Team (see contact information box) to inquire about the process and deadlines several months in advance of the anticipated enrollment term. Current students may apply to change or add programs for any term (fall, spring, or summer).

## QUESTIONS

If you have questions, contact [emgradadmission@engr.wisc.edu](mailto:emgradadmission@engr.wisc.edu).

## FUNDING

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### GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

[The Bursar's Office provides information about tuition and fees associated with being a graduate student.](#) [Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid.](#) [Further funding information is available from the Graduate School.](#) Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and restrictions related to funding.

## PROGRAM RESOURCES

There are three mechanisms for Graduate Student funding through the university for MS Engineering Mechanics: Research students:

1. Fellowships
2. Graduate assistantships: project assistantships, teaching assistantships, and research assistantships
3. Traineeships

Funding is awarded based on the qualifications of the student, the number of applicants, the amount of available funding, the number of continuing students receiving support, and the degree program a student is enrolled in. Fellowship and research assistantship funding is only considered for thesis-based MS students. You can apply for funding for research assistantships by contacting individual faculty members directly. Review our website (<http://directory.engr.wisc.edu/me/faculty/>) to look for faculty (only those listed with titles of assistant professor, associate professor, or professor can serve as graduate student advisors). Search for faculty who have research interests that align closely with your own by viewing faculty directory entries, visiting the faculty's website (linked from the directory page), and reviewing publications by the faculty member. After you have identified faculty with interests close to your own, you are encouraged to contact them by email to inquire regarding available research assistant positions. The admissions office does not know if a particular professor has research assistant positions available.

Students who apply to the MS Research program will be automatically considered for fellowship opportunities within the department. Admitted students will be eligible to apply for Teaching Assistantship positions. More information, including the application, will be available to students after admission is complete.

More information on graduate student funding is available from the UW-Madison Graduate School (<https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/>).

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### Office of Student Financial Aid

For information regarding student financial aid, scholarships, and more, visit the Office of Student Financial Aid website (<https://financialaid.wisc.edu/>).

### International Student Services Funding and Scholarships

For information regarding international student funding and scholarships, visit the International Student Services website (<https://iss.wisc.edu/students/new-students/funding-scholarships/>).

## REQUIREMENTS

### MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

### NAMED OPTION REQUIREMENTS

#### MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

#### Mode of Instruction Definitions

**Accelerated:** Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

**Evening/Weekend:** Courses meet on the UW-Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

**Face-to-Face:** Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

**Hybrid:** These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

**Online:** These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

## CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

### Requirement Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement 30 credits

Minimum Residence Credit Requirement 16 credits

Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement 15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/>).

Overall GPA Requirement 3.00 GPA required.

Graduate GPA Requirement Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/>).

Other Grade Requirements Students must earn a C or above in all formal coursework.

Students may not have more than two incompletes on their record at any one time.

Assessments and Examinations A thesis is not required for a master's degree in Engineering Mechanics. Credit for master's research (E&M&A&790) will be granted toward meeting the MS requirements only when a formal MS thesis is submitted and approved by the thesis committee. If submitting a MS thesis, a thesis Oral Defense is required. Candidates must pass an oral exam administered by a three-member committee, selected by the student's advisor. At least two of the committee members must be members of the UW-Madison Graduate Faculty. (For more information, see <https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/committees>.) Typically, the student presents an overview of their thesis/research, and then the examiners ask questions in closed session. See the Graduate School's information <https://grad.wisc.edu/current-students/masters-guide> (<https://grad.wisc.edu/current-students/masters-guide/>) and note the requirement for an advisor approval page.

Language Requirements No language requirements.

## REQUIRED COURSES

The program requires 30 credits of technical coursework approved by the student's advisor. All courses must be numbered 500 or above. Technical coursework is defined as courses in Engineering departments, Physics, Math, Statistics, Computer Science, Medical Physics, and Chemistry. Other courses may be deemed appropriate by a student's faculty advisor.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>General<sup>1</sup></b>		
At least 15 credits must be taken in courses numbered 600 and above OR from the following list:		15
E M A/CIV ENGR/ M E 508	Composite Materials	
E M A 519	Fracture Mechanics	
E M A 522	Aerodynamics Lab	
E M A 523	Flight Dynamics and Control	
E M A/M E 540	Experimental Vibration and Dynamic System Analysis	
E M A/ M S & E 541	Heterogeneous and Multiphase Materials	
E M A/E P 547	Engineering Analysis I	
E M A/E P 548	Engineering Analysis II	
E M A/M E 570	Experimental Mechanics	
<b>Mathematics Requirements<sup>1</sup></b>		
Students must take at least 3 credits (1 course) from the following list:		3
E M A/E P 547	Engineering Analysis I	
E M A/E P 548	Engineering Analysis II	
MATH 519	Ordinary Differential Equations	
MATH 521	Analysis I	
MATH 522	Analysis II	
MATH 540	Linear Algebra II	
MATH 619	Analysis of Partial Differential Equations	
MATH 623	Complex Analysis	
MATH 703	Methods of Applied Mathematics 1	
MATH 704	Methods of Applied Mathematics-2	
MATH/ COMP SCI 714	Methods of Computational Mathematics I	
MATH/ COMP SCI 715	Methods of Computational Mathematics II	
<b>Breadth Requirement<sup>1</sup></b>		
Five courses are required to complete the Breadth Requirement. Students must select two of the three area lists below (Solid Mechanics, Fluid Mechanics, Dynamic) and complete two courses in each of the two area lists. A fifth course must be completed and may be from any of the three area lists. Across the 5 courses, at least 3 courses must be identified with an *.		
<i>Solid Mechanics</i>		
E M A 506	Advanced Mechanics of Materials I *	
E M A/CIV ENGR/ M E 508	Composite Materials	

or M E/ E C E 733	Advanced Computer Control of Machines and Processes	
M E 748	Optimum Design of Mechanical Elements and Systems	
<b>Depth Requirement<sup>1</sup></b>		
At least 2 courses (6 credits) must be numbered 700 or above in mechanics, from the following list:		6
Any E M A course except E M A 790, E M A 890, or E M A 990.		
E M A 601 Special Topics courses may only be counted as course numbered 700 or above if designated as such by the instructor.		
CBE 720	Microhydrodynamics, Brownian Motion, and Complex Fluids	
CIV ENGR/ G L E 730	Engineering Properties of Soils	
MATH 705	Mathematical Fluid Dynamics	
M E 740	Advanced Vibrations	
M E 746	Dynamics of Controlled Systems	
or M E/ E C E 732	Dynamics of Controlled Systems	
M E 747	Advanced Computer Control of Machines and Processes	
M E 748	Optimum Design of Mechanical Elements and Systems	
M E 751	Advanced Computational Dynamics	
M E 753	Friction, Lubrication and Wear	
M E 768	Precision Measurements	
M E 769	Combustion Processes	
M E 770	Advanced Experimental Instrumentation	
M E 774	Chem Kinetics of Combust Systems	
M E/CIV ENGR/ E M A 775	Turbulent Heat and Momentum Transfer	

**Independent Study**

At least 3 credits of the following course is required of all students. A maximum of 6 credits may be applied toward minimum degree requirements. 3-6

E M A 599	Independent Study
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**Thesis Credits**

Thesis credits are not required to meet minimum degree requirements. However, they may be used to satisfy degree requirements ONLY if a thesis is written and defended. Students utilizing thesis credits may use a maximum of 12 credits E M A 599 and E M A 790, combined, toward the minimum degree requirement. 0-9

E M A 790	Master's Research and Thesis
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**Seminar Credits**

A maximum of 3 seminar credits, as deemed appropriate by faculty advisor, may be applied to the minimum degree requirements. Seminar credits are not required within the Engineering Mechanics MS - Research program. The following is an example: 0-3

E M A 601	Special Topics in Engineering Mechanics (Mechanics Seminar)
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<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>30</b>
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<sup>1</sup> Courses used to satisfy the following degree requirements may overlap: General, Mathematics Requirement, Breadth Requirement, Depth Requirement.

**Pathway**

Students must select to follow either the thesis pathway or the independent study pathway. These pathways are internal to the program and represent different curricular paths a student can follow to earn this degree. Pathway names do not appear in the Graduate School admissions application, and they will not appear on the transcript.

**POLICIES****GRADUATE SCHOOL POLICIES**

The Graduate School's Academic Policies and Procedures (<https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/>) serve as the official document of record for Graduate School academic and administrative policies and procedures and are updated continuously. Note some policies redirect to entries in the official UW-Madison Policy Library (<https://policy.wisc.edu/>). Programs may set more stringent policies than the Graduate School. Policies set by the academic degree program can be found below.

**NAMED OPTION-SPECIFIC POLICIES****PRIOR COURSEWORK****Graduate Credits Earned at Other Institutions**

With faculty advisor approval, students may transfer up to 6 credits of relevant coursework from a prior graduate program. Review the Graduate Program Handbook (see contact box) for information about use and restrictions to this policy. Coursework earned ten or more years prior to admission is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

**Undergraduate Credits Earned at Other Institutions or UW-Madison**

With faculty advisor approval, students may transfer a maximum of 7 credits from a UW-Madison undergraduate degree or an ABET-accredited undergraduate degree (from another institution). Only coursework that is applicable to the degree curriculum is eligible (based on UW-Madison course/course equivalency number). These credits will not be allowed to satisfy minimum graduate coursework (50%) requirement unless taken in courses numbered 700 or above (UW-Madison course equivalent). No credits can be applied toward the minimum graduate residence credit requirement. Coursework earned ten or more years prior to admission is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

**Credits Earned as a Professional Student at UW-Madison (Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Veterinary careers)**

Refer to the Graduate School: Transfer Credits for Prior Coursework (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1216/>) policy.

**Credits Earned as a University Special Student at UW-Madison**

With faculty advisor approval, students may transfer up to 15 credits of coursework taken as a UW-Madison University Special student toward

the minimum credit requirement. Only coursework that is applicable to the degree curriculum is eligible. UW-Madison coursework taken as a University Special student would not be allowed to count toward the minimum graduate coursework (50%) requirement unless taken in courses numbered 700 or above or are taken to meet the requirements of a capstone certificate and has the "Grad 50%" attribute. Coursework earned ten or more years prior to admission is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

## PROBATION

The Department of Mechanical Engineering Graduate Committee academic progress policy may be reviewed in the Graduate Handbook (see Contact box for link).

## ADVISOR / COMMITTEE

Each student is required to meet with his or her advisor prior to registration every semester.

## CREDITS PER TERM ALLOWED

15 credit maximum. Refer to the Graduate School: Maximum Credit Loads and Overload Requests (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1228/>) policy.

## TIME LIMITS

Students with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Mechanics or equivalent typically take 3 semesters to complete the Master of Science. Students with non-Engineering Mechanics backgrounds typically take 4 semesters to complete the Master of Science if more than 27 credits are required.

## GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

These resources may be helpful in addressing your concerns:

- Bias or Hate Reporting (<https://doso.students.wisc.edu/bias-or-hate-reporting/>)
- Graduate Assistantship Policies and Procedures (<https://hr.wisc.edu/policies/gapp/#grievance-procedure>)
- Hostile and Intimidating Behavior Policies and Procedures (<https://hr.wisc.edu/hib/>)
  - Office of the Provost for Faculty and Staff Affairs (<https://facstaff.provost.wisc.edu/>)
- Employee Assistance (<http://www.eao.wisc.edu/>) (for personal counseling and workplace consultation around communication and conflict involving graduate assistants and other employees, post-doctoral students, faculty and staff)
- Employee Disability Resource Office (<https://employeeabilities.wisc.edu/>) (for qualified employees or applicants with disabilities to have equal employment opportunities)
- Graduate School (<https://grad.wisc.edu/>) (for informal advice at any level of review and for official appeals of program/departmental or school/college grievance decisions)
- Office of Compliance (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/>) (for class harassment and discrimination, including sexual harassment and sexual violence)
- Office Student Assistance and Support (OSAS) (<https://osas.wisc.edu/>) (for all students to seek grievance assistance and support)
- Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (<https://conduct.students.wisc.edu/>) (for conflicts involving students)
- Ombuds Office for Faculty and Staff (<http://www.ombuds.wisc.edu/>) (for employed graduate students and post-docs, as well as faculty and staff)

- Title IX (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/titleix/>) (for concerns about discrimination)

## Department of Mechanical Engineering Grievance Procedures

If a student feels unfairly treated or aggrieved by faculty, staff, or another student, the University offers several avenues to resolve the grievance. Students' concerns about unfair treatment are best handled directly with the person responsible for the objectionable action. If the student is uncomfortable making direct contact with the individual(s) involved, they should contact the advisor or the person in charge of the unit where the action occurred (program or department chair, section chair, lab manager, etc.). Many departments and schools/colleges have established specific procedures for handling such situations; check their web pages and published handbooks for information. If such procedures exist at the local level, these should be investigated first. For more information see the Graduate School Academic Policies & Procedures: <https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/?policy=grievancesandappeals>. The Assistant Dean for Graduate Affairs ([enr-dean-graduateaffairs@enr.wisc.edu](mailto:enr-dean-graduateaffairs@enr.wisc.edu)) provides overall leadership for graduate education in the College of Engineering (CoE), and is a point of contact for graduate students who have concerns about education, mentoring, research, or other difficulties.

1. The student is encouraged to speak first with the person toward whom the grievance is directed to see if a situation can be resolved at this level.
2. Should a satisfactory resolution not be achieved, the student should contact the Associate Chair for Graduate Studies or the John Bollinger Chair of Mechanical Engineering (<https://engineering.wisc.edu/departments/mechanical-engineering/people/>) to discuss the grievance. The Associate Chair for Graduate Studies or Department Chair will facilitate problem resolution through informal channels and facilitate any complaints or issues of students. The first attempt is to help students informally address the grievance prior to any formal complaint. Students are also encouraged to talk with their faculty advisors regarding concerns or difficulties if necessary. University resources for sexual harassment, discrimination, disability accommodations, and other related concerns can be found on the UW Office of Compliance website (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/>). Other campus resources can be found above.
3. If the issue is not resolved to the student's satisfaction the student can submit the grievance to the Associate Chair for Graduate Studies in writing, within 60 calendar days of the alleged unfair treatment.
4. On receipt of a written complaint, a faculty committee will be convened by the Associate Chair for Graduate Studies to manage the grievance. The faculty committee will obtain a written response from the person toward whom the complaint is directed. This response will be shared with the person filing the grievance.
5. The faculty committee will determine a decision regarding the grievance. The Associate Chair for Graduate Studies will report on the action taken by the committee in writing to both the student and the party toward whom the complaint was directed within 15 working days from the date the complaint was received.
6. At this point, if either party (the student or the person toward whom the grievance is directed) is unsatisfied with the decision of the faculty committee, the party may file a written appeal. Either party has 10 working days to file a written appeal to the School/College.

- Documentation of the grievance will be stored for at least 7 years.  
Significant grievances that set a precedent will be stored indefinitely.

The Graduate School has procedures for students wishing to appeal a grievance decision made at the school/college level. These policies are described in the Graduate School's Academic Policies & Procedures: <https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/?policy=grievancesandappeals>.

## **OTHER**

n/a

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES**

Take advantage of the Graduate School's professional development resources (<https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/>) to build skills, thrive academically, and launch your career.