

General Requirements for Master's Degrees  
Department of Chemical & Biomedical Engineering

In addition to the general university wide requirements for a graduate degree (see [www.grad.usf.edu](http://www.grad.usf.edu)), the department has established the following requirements:

1. A thesis program must contain a minimum of 24 credit hours of coursework and a minimum of 6 credit hours of thesis. (If a student transfers from a thesis program to a project or all coursework programs, no thesis hours may be transferred, converted or counted toward the degree.)
2. Non-thesis program requirements vary according to the degree program.
3. Students must maintain an overall grade point average of 3.0. No grade below "C" will be accepted towards a degree. If a student's average falls below 3.0, the student will be placed on probation and must obtain a directed program from the appropriate advisor, and approval by the Engineering Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, prior to continuing coursework for a degree.
4. All students are required to pass a final oral or written comprehensive examination prior to receiving the degree. These examinations are arranged and administered by the student's department. All thesis option students are required to present a departmental seminar based on their research as part of their oral examination.

Candidates who have at least one publication or