

# Master's Degrees

There are different ways to earn a master's degree at Washington University:

- Students who have not previously earned a master's degree in the same field as their PhD may earn the degree on the way to their PhD. This option is available in some disciplines but not in all of them.
- Students who have not previously earned a master's degree in the same field as their PhD may be awarded a master's degree for work done in a PhD program that they are leaving without completing. This option is available in some disciplines but not in all of them.
- There are a number of Arts & Sciences disciplines that admit students to pursue a stand-alone master's degree. A portion of these programs are for full-time students and are described by their departments in other sections (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/artsci/fields/>) of this *Bulletin*. The other portion of these stand-alone master's programs are designed primarily for part-time students; these programs are described by the School of Continuing & Professional Studies (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/artsci/caps/>) in its section of this *Bulletin*.
- Undergraduate students in Arts & Sciences at Washington University may apply for the accelerated AB/AM program, in which graduation with a Bachelor of Arts (AB) is followed by one year of graduate study leading to the AM. This option is described in the Accelerated AB/AM (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/artsci/masters/academic/>) section of this *Bulletin*.