

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 Master of Arts (AM) 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 an AM 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 terminal master's degree. Half of these are daytime programs for full-time students; these are described by their departments in other sections (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/gsas/fields>) of this *Bulletin*. The other half of these terminal master's programs are designed primarily for part-time students and offer their classes in the evening; these are described by University College (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/grad/gsas/ucollege>) 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/gsas/masters/academic>) section of this *Bulletin*.