

The Graduate School

The Graduate School confers all Master of Arts (AM) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees at Washington University. Every AM program and 31 PhD programs are housed in Arts & Sciences departments. In addition, the Graduate School cooperates with the schools of Business, Engineering, Medicine, and Social Work and the Goldfarb School of Nursing on the administration of 30 PhD programs housed in those schools.

Governance

The Graduate Council serves as the legislative branch of the Graduate School. The Council consists of one faculty representative and one graduate student representative from each degree-granting program; it is chaired by the dean of the Graduate School and the vice provost for graduate education. Much of the work of the Council occurs in committees, on which students serve alongside faculty members. This model of shared governance — equal representation and equal responsibility for faculty and graduate students — is believed to be unique among U.S. universities.

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