

Cognitive & Information Sciences (CIS)

MS/MAW Candidacy Steps:

Master's Along the Way (MAW) also included in blue

Review with SSHA Graduate Services

Connect with SSHA Graduate Coordinator to review course completion and program requirements.

For Terminal Master's;

- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Complete the 24 required units

For Masters Along the Way:

- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Complete the required course and program requirement
- Receive a passing grade on the Integrative Review Paper

Complete MS/MAW candidacy form

Complete the **MS** Advancement to Candidacy electronic form. Please refer to the link to the Graduate Division website for the form

↳ For MAW: Complete the **PhD** Advancement to Candidacy electronic form and select the MAW field

Website: <https://graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/faculty-staff-resources/forms-publications>

Review your MyDegree Path

Visit My Degree Path to review your degree audit. All course requirements and program requirements should be satisfied, excluding dissertation/thesis.

↳ Connect with your SSHA Graduate Services Coordinator if your degree audit has not been cleared and satisfied.

↳ Email ssha.grad@ucmerced.edu & jclear3@ucmerced.edu

Apply for MS/MAW Graduation

All students must submit a graduation application through the Office of Registrar in order to have their degree officially awarded. Please refer to Graduate Division's deadlines for the semester concurrent with the expected graduation term.

↳ **Forms:** <https://registrar.ucmerced.edu/forms>

↳ **Deadlines:** <https://graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/current-students/calendar-and-deadlines>

Terminal Masters: Once your Master candidacy webform is submitted, you may submit the graduation application.

Masters Along the Way: After the MAW candidacy webform is approved and processed by the Graduate Division AND the Office of Registrar, then you may submit the graduation application.

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Submit Master's
Degree Final Report
Form

Submit the completed and signed **Final Report for the Master's Degree Form to Graduate Services**. Form can be found on the Graduate Division website under "Forms".

Website: [Final Report for Master's Degree Form](#)

↳ **Email the form to:** gradservices@ucmerced.edu

↳ **CC:** Graduate Chair & the SSHA Graduate Coordinator

Review and
Complete Graduation
Requirements

Submit the MS/MAW requirements by the **Graduate Division's posted deadlines:**

Option 1 – Thesis:

- a signed thesis signature page to Graduate Division (gradservices@ucmerced.edu) with your graduate chair, graduate advisor, and SSHA Graduate Services Coordinator CC'ed.
- Submit your Thesis to ProQuest

Option 2 – Capstone Project:

- a signed capstone signature page to Graduate Division (gradservices@ucmerced.edu) with your graduate chair, graduate advisor, and SSHA Graduate Services Coordinator CC'ed.
- Submit your Project to eScholars

For Master's Along the Way (MAW) only:

Option 3 – Integrative Review Paper (IRP):

- a signed signature page to Graduate Division (gradservices@ucmerced.edu) with your graduate chair, graduate advisor, and SSHA Graduate Services Coordinator CC'd.
- Submit your paper to eScholars