The Graduate School offers master's and doctoral degrees, as well as graduate and post-graduate certificates. Courses are also available for persons not seeking a certificate or degree, but desire knowledge for personal or professional enhancement.

**Master of Arts**

*Plan A or Plan B*

- Christian Spirituality (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/christian-spirituality)
- English (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/english)
- Medical Anthropology (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/medical-anthropology)
- Ministry (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/ministry)
- Theology (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/theology)

**Master of Science**

*Plan A (Thesis)*

- Biomedical Sciences (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/biomedical-sciences)
- Clinical and Translational Science (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/clinical-translational)
- Health and Wellness Coaching (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/health-and-wellness)
- Medical Microbiology and Immunology (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/medical-microbiology)
- Oral Biology (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/oral-biology)
- Pharmaceutical Sciences (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/pharmaceutical)
- Pharmacology (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/pharmacology)
- Physics (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/physics)

*Plan B (Non Thesis)*

- Business Intelligence and Analytics (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/business-intelligence-analysis)
- Clinical Anatomy (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/clinical-anatomy)
- Educational Leadership (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/education)
- Emergency Medical Services (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/emergency-medical-service)
- Government Organization & Leadership (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/government-organization)
- Health and Wellness Coaching (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/health-and-wellness)
- Health Care Ethics (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/healthcare-ethics)
- Organizational Leadership (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/leadership-ms)
- Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/negotiation)
- School Counseling and Preventive Mental Health (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/school-counseling-preventive-mental-health) - Magis Teacher Corps available
- Physics (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/physics)

**Master of Accounting**

- Accounting (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/accountancy/master-accountancy)

**Master of Business Administration**

- Business Administration (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/master-business-administration)

**Master of Education**

- Elementary Teaching (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/education)
- Secondary Teaching (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/education) - Magis Teacher Corps available

**Master of Finance**

- Finance (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/finance/master-of-finance)

**Master of Fine Arts**

- Creative Writing (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/creative-writing)

**Master of Public Health**

- Public Health (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/public-health)

**Master of Science in Nursing**

- Clinical Nurse Leader (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/nursing-msn/#degreerequirementstext)
- Clinical Systems Administrator (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/nursing-msn/#degreerequirementstext)

**Master of Science in Occupational Therapy**

- Occupational Therapy (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/occupational-therapy)

**Master of Science in Rehabilitation**

- Rehabilitation (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/rehabilitation)
Master of Investment Management and Financial Analysis

Investments and Financial Analysis (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/security-analysis)²

5-year B.S.B.A. to M.S. (NCR) degrees program

BSBA to MS (NCR) program (http://catalog.creighton.edu/undergraduate/business/marketing-management/bsba-msncr-5year)

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1 Program offered in an online format.
2 Program offered in both online and on campus format.

Doctor of Business Administration

Business Administration (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/doctor-business-administration)

Doctor of Philosophy

Biomedical Sciences (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/biomedical-sciences)
Clinical and Translational Science (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/clinical-translational/clinical-translational-science-phd)
Medical Microbiology and Immunology (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/medical-microbiology)
Pharmacology (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/pharmacology)

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Nurse Practitioner (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/nursing/doctor-nursing-practice-dnp/#text) – Adult-Gerontology Primary Care or Adult-Gerontological Acute Care or Pediatric Acute Care or Family or Neonatal Clinical Systems Administrator (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/nursing/doctor-nursing-practice-dnp/dnp-clinical-systems-administrator)

Doctor of Education¹

Interdisciplinary Leadership (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/interdisciplinary/leadership-edd)

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1 Program offered in an online format.
2 Program offered in both online and on campus format.

M.D./M.B.A.

Students have the opportunity to obtain a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) and Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) through a dual degree program offered by the School of Medicine and the Heider College of Business. This combined degree program pairs the traditional medical curriculum with an M.B.A. degree. The M.B.A. degree is largely completed during a sabbatical year from medical school. Students in the program complete the M.B.A. curriculum as full-time students between the M2 and M3 years of medical school. This degree program provides students with additional career opportunities as administrators and executives in health-care related fields. It will also help M.D.s in large and small practices perform business-related functions more effectively and with a deeper level of understanding. For more information, see Master of Business Administration (MBA) (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/master-business-administration).

Pharm.D./M.B.A.

The dual Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)/Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) program is a cooperative venture between the Heider College of Business and the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. The program allows Pharm.D. students to complete an M.B.A. degree in the evening, during the time it takes to complete the Pharm.D. degree and in less time and with less expense than if the two degrees were pursued separately. The program is designed assuming students have no business foundation courses completed beyond what is already required in the pre-professional component of the Pharm.D. program. If a Pharm.D student has taken business foundation (prerequisite) coursework, the relevant foundation courses will be waived and the student may finish the program in fewer hours.

Candidates for the dual program must make separate application to, and be independently accepted by, the Heider College of Business and the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. Although the applicant must meet all admission requirements of each program, acceptance does not have to occur simultaneously. However, the student must make the application for the second program while still actively enrolled in the first to be considered for the dual program.

Pharm.D. students must have accumulated at least 120 semester credit hours in order to be considered for admission to the M.B.A. program. A maximum of six credit hours of specific Pharmacy electives can be applied toward the nine hours of electives required for the M.B.A. degree. Further details concerning this dual program may be obtained from the Director of Admission for the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions or the Coordinator of the Graduate Business Programs. For more information, see Master of Business Administration (MBA) (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/master-business-administration).

J.D./M.B.A.

The dual Juris Doctor (J.D.)/Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) program is a cooperative venture between the Heider College of Business and the School of Law that allows students to combine the legal aspects of the J.D. degree with the general managerial aspects of the M.B.A. degree in less time than if each degree were earned separately. The program allows J.D. students to complete an M.B.A. degree in the evening during the time it takes to complete the J.D. degree, assuming that J.D. students have completed all of the M.B.A. Foundation courses. Specific courses have been defined by the Heider College of Business and the School of Law that can be used to satisfy elective requirements in each program. For more information, see Master of Business Administration (MBA) (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/master-business-administration).

Candidates for the dual program must make separate application to, and be independently accepted by, the School of Law and the Heider College of Business. Although the applicant must meet all admission requirements of each program, acceptance does not have to occur simultaneously. However, application for the second program must be made while still actively enrolled in the first to be considered for the dual
program. The Law School will accept in transfer toward the J.D. degree a
maximum of 12 credit hours of M.B.A. coursework. The M.B.A. program
will accept in transfer toward the M.B.A. degree a maximum of six credit
hours of specific Law School coursework in elective courses for which the
student receives a grade of "C" or better on the Law School scale.
Uniform Graduate School requirements will be maintained for M.B.A.
graduation. The final decision on transferability of credits rests with the
Associate Dean of the Law School and the Director of Graduate Business
Programs. For more information, see Master of Business Administration
(MBA) (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-
courses/master-business-administration).

M.B.A./M.S. (BIA)
The Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)/Master of Science (M.S.)
in Business Intelligence and Analytics (BIA) dual degree program enables
students to earn both the M.B.A. and M.S.-BIA degrees in a streamlined
48-credit-hour program, considerably less time than if the degrees were
earned separately. With both degrees, students will have an impressive
collection of managerial and technology skills and competencies. The
dual degree program combines the managerial technology synergies of
the M.S.-BIA degree with the depth of the general management
education found in the M.B.A. degree. Students must apply for the
second program before completing the requirements for the first degree and
have three years after graduating with the first degree in which to
complete the second degree. For more information on the dual degree
program contact the Coordinator of Graduate Business Programs or see
Master of Business Administration (MBA) (http://catalog.creighton.edu/
graduate/graduate-programs-courses/master-business-administration/
mba-bia-dual-degrees).

M.B.A./M.I.M.F.A.
The dual Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)/Master of
Investment Management and Financial Analysis (M.I.M.F.A.) program prepares students for advanced financial analysis and investment
management as guided by the Code of Ethical Practices and Professional
Conduct, while preparing them to be values-based leaders via the general
management education of the M.B.A. degree. The streamlined program
can be done in considerably less time and cost than if the two degrees
were earned separately. For more information, see Master of Business
Administration (MBA) (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-
programs-courses/master-business-administration).

M.B.A./M.S. (NCR)
Students who choose to combine an Master of Business Administration
degree with the Master of Science (M.S.) in Negotiation and Conflict
Resolution (N.C.R.) achieve a deeper understanding of the business
context in which negotiation and conflict resolution may take place. They
also learn the specific vocabulary of business, and gain the technical
knowledge needed to understand and interpret complex financial issues
and documentation. For more information, see Master of Business
Administration (MBA) (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-
programs-courses/master-business-administration).

MBA or MS (BIA) - Second Master's Degree
Persons who have earned an M.B.A. or M.S.-BIA degree at Creighton
University, but who did not participate in the dual degree program, may
complete the requirements for and earn a second degree, either an M.B.A.
or M.S.-BIA. The student must complete all the requirements for the
second degree except for six semester hours (MBA 776 Business, Ethics
and Society or ITM 731 Information Systems Management and three
elective hours).
The second degree program requires completion of an additional 27
semester hours of credit beyond the Foundation in required and elective
courses. If any of the courses required in the second degree program
were completed as requirements in the first degree program, the student,
with the approval of the director, will select alternate courses appropriate
to the second degree program. For more information, see Master of
Business Administration (MBA) (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate-
graduate-programs-courses/master-business-administration) and
Master of Science in Business Intelligence and Analytics (BIA) (http://
catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/master-business-administration).

M.D./M.S. (HCE)
The Creighton University School of Medicine and the Graduate School
offer a coordinated dual degree program leading to the separate conferral
of both the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) and the Master of Science (M.S.)
in Health Care Ethics (HCE) degrees. The program is structured so that
students will receive credit toward the M.S. degree for the IDC 135
Ethical and Legal Topics in Clinical Medicine course, complete one ethics
course the summer between the M1 and M2 year, and then take a full
year to focus on the M.S.-HCE degree between the M2 and M3 years.
Students will complete the M.S. degree during the M4 year by taking
the MHE 609 Capstone course, which will also fulfill two M4 elective
requirements. For more information, see Health Care Ethics, MHE (http://
catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/business-
ethics).

MD/MS (CTS)
The M.D./M.S. in Clinical and Translational Science (CTS) offered by the
Center for Clinical & Translational Science is a comprehensive 5-year
program designed to train future clinical and translational investigators
from diverse scientific backgrounds and disciplines during their medical
school education. The specific goal is to prepare the scholars of this
program to identify important clinical questions, develop research
protocols, conduct clinical and translational investigations in highly
interdisciplinary and collaborative team settings, generate pilot data,
analyze and record the results in a publishable form, and develop and
submit grant proposals. Scholars will be required to compose and
successfully defend a Master's thesis. CTS scholars will be mentored
and supported in writing independent research grant applications and
will be enrolled as full-time M.D./M.S.-CTS students. A structured course
curriculum, research environment and resources will be provided. Upon
completion of the program, scholars will earn both M.D. and Master of
Science in CTS degrees. Graduates will have gained the ability to conduct
clinical and translational research as independent investigators during
the course of residency in their chosen specialty. For more information,
see Clinical and Translational Sciences (http://catalog.creighton.edu/
graduate/graduate-programs-courses/clinical-translational/clinical-
translational-science-md-ms).

PharmD/MS (Pharmaceutical Sciences)
For more information, see Pharmaceutical Sciences (http://
catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/
pharmaceutical/ms-doctor-pharmacy-pharmd-ms).

JD/MS (GOAL)
The J.D./M.S. in Government Organization and Leadership (GOAL) joint
degree program from Creighton University School of Law prepares
students for leadership positions with government entities and the
organizations that work closely with them. Participants gain an invaluable mix of career-driven legal experience and professional subtleties that can't be learned from a textbook. The inner workings of our nation's capital are seen first hand. For more information see School of Law. (http://catalog.creighton.edu/law/graduate-programs/government-organization-leadership-dual-degree-jd-ms)

**JD/MS (NCR)**
The J.D. and M.S. in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution degrees leverage the strengths of both the School of Law and The Werner Institute, to bridge the study of law, business, social science and humanities. The dual degree program provides students a comprehensive understanding of a) what conflict is, b) why it occurs, and c) how to manage it. For more information see Master of Science in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/negotiation/jd-ncr-dual-degrees).

**MS (NCR)/MS (Organizational Leadership)**
With a Master of Science (M.S.) in Organizational Leadership and Master of Science (M.S.) in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, students gain leadership skills from a unique perspective. A great leader must do more than establish a vision and goals. Collaborative problem solving and conflict management are skills necessary for any leader to provide the motivation and dedication to those who will carry out that vision. This dual degree program will increase one's capacity for success in any leadership role. Students will develop an understanding of the influence conflict dynamics has on individuals, groups, and organizations to manage challenging situations effectively. For more information see Master of Science in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/negotiation/ncr-msl-dual-degree).

**MS (NCR)/MSN**

**MS (NCR)/DNP**

**MS (Organizational Leadership)/MBA**

**MA (Theology)/M.Ed. (Secondary Teaching)**
For information see Theology (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/theology/theology-ma-secondary-med).

The Graduate School offers graduate certificates in the following areas:

- Business Analytics (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/business-intelligence-analysis/graduate-certificate-business-analytics)
- Catholic School Leadership (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/education/graduate-certificate-catholic-school-leadership)
- Certified Financial Planning (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/master-business-administration/cfp-certificate)
- Clinical and Translational Science (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/clinical-translational/certificate-clinical-translational-science)
- Creative Writing (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/creative-writing/graduate-certificate-creative-writing)
- Cultural Competency in Health Care (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/medical-anthropology/graduate-certificate-cultural-competency)
- Early Childhood Education (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/education/graduate-certificate-ece)
- Emergency Medical Services (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/emergency-medical-service/graduate-certificate-ems)
- Health Care Ethics (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/healthcare-ethics/graduate-certificate-health-care-ethics)
- Health Care Collaboration and Conflict Management (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/negotiation/ncr-healthcare-cert)
- Organizational Leadership (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/leadership-ms/leadership-certificate)
- Lifestyle Medicine (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/health-and-wellness/lifestyle-medicine-certificate)
- Medical Anthropology (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/medical-anthropology/graduate-certificate-medical-anthropology)
- Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/negotiation/#certificatestext)
- Project Management (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/master-business-administration/project-management-certificate)
- Spiritual Direction and Directed Retreats (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/christian-spirituality/graduate-certificate-spiritual-direction-directed-retreats)
- Spiritual Formation (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/priestly-formation/graduate-certificate-spiritual-formation)

**The following post-graduate certificates are offered:**
- Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/nursing/pediatric-acute-care-np-certificate)
- Family Nurse Practitioner (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/nursing/family-np-certificate)
- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/nursing/neonatal-np-certificate)
- Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (http://catalog.creighton.edu/graduate/graduate-programs-courses/nursing/adult-gerontology-acute-care-np-certificate)

**Degree Requirements**
The requirements for graduation depend upon the particular program of study undertaken. Specific program and departmental requirements are listed in the specific program’s section. The following requirements apply to all programs:
1. The candidate for an advanced degree must earn at least a 3.00 (B) average in all graduate work taken at this University and have accumulated a minimum residence requirement of 24 credits if in a Master’s program with the thesis option (Plan A), 27 credits if in a Master’s program which does not require a thesis (Plan B), or 60 credit hours beyond the master’s degree if in a Ph.D. program.

2. Master’s degree programs with the thesis option must contain a minimum of 30 credits, and non-thesis programs, a minimum of 33 to 36 credits; Ph.D. programs must contain a minimum of 90 credits beyond the Bachelor’s level.

3. No graduate-level course (600-899 series) with a grade lower than "C" may be applied toward the fulfillment of degree requirements. Courses taken from the advanced undergraduate series (500-level) may be applied toward degree requirements provided they are passed with a grade of "B" or higher, and provided they do not exceed one-half the course credits required in the entire program for a master’s degree. In Ph.D. programs, approved 500-level courses may be included within the first 30 hours; thereafter all courses must be exclusively graduate level.

4. A thesis or project (790 series) must be completed in partial requirement for a master’s degree with no fewer than three or more than six credits allowed toward fulfillment of master’s degree research requirements. Doctoral dissertation credits may accumulate to 20 hours in the Ph.D. program, and the total research credit permitted in Ph.D. credit requirements may not exceed 45 semester hours.

5. A thesis, dissertation, project or a final comprehensive examination must be satisfactorily completed to qualify for graduation. Failure of the comprehensive examination or the thesis/dissertation requirement of a program is failure of both options. The comprehensive examination may be repeated once after a minimum one-semester study period.

6. All requirements for master’s degrees must be completed within six years of the date when the program was initiated (i.e., when the first credit applying to the degree was earned). Ph.D. programs must be completed within eight years. The Ed.D. program must be completed within seven years. The D.B.A. program must be completed within seven years.

7. A graduate student who expects to receive a degree within a particular academic term must have been advanced to candidacy, applied for the degree, and fulfilled all degree requirements during that term. Consult the calendar of deadlines. The student must ordinarily be enrolled during the term in which the degree is expected.

8. Proficiency of a student in any and all parts of the curriculum is properly ascertained by the graduate faculty. A favorable vote of the faculty is required for a student to receive an advanced degree.