



Procedures for the Master of Science

Courses

The Planetary Sciences department M.S. program of study consists of 30 credit hours in graduate courses (15 units of PTYS courses and 2 to 4 units of PTYS 910 thesis credit).

M.S. Plan of Study

Students transferring from the Ph.D. program must file the [Master's Plan of Study](#) form simultaneously with a [Change of Program](#) form with both the PTYS Academic Office and the Graduate College.

M.S. Oral Defense Examination

- All other [M.S. Degree Requirements](#) must be completed prior to scheduling the Oral Defense Examination.
- Copies of the thesis must be distributed to the M.S. Committee 4 weeks prior to the M.S. Oral Defense Examination.
- Student must file the [Master's Defense](#) form with the Academic Office 3 weeks prior to the Final Oral Defense Examination.
- Student must complete student information portion of the [Master's/Specialist Completion of Degree Requirements](#) form and submit to the **Academic Office** 3 weeks prior to the Final Oral Defense Examination. The Academic Office will return this form to the student's academic advisor for signatures after the examination.
- Upon successful completion of the examination, the student's academic advisor will sign the [Master's/Specialist Completion of Degree Requirements](#) form and return it to the Academic Office. When the thesis has been submitted to Degree Certification, the Academic Office will submit the [Master's/Specialist Completion of Degree Requirements](#) form to Degree Certification office (samples available here: <http://grad.arizona.edu/academics/degree-certification/diss-theses/samples-templates>).
- The student must [submit the final thesis](#) to the Graduate College and provide two copies to the PTYS library.

Approved by the PTYS/LPL Faculty on April 25, 2008.