



Procedurals for the Master of Science

Courses. The M.S. program in Planetary Sciences 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 (Terminal M.S. only). Students transferring from the Ph.D. program must file the [Request for Change of Program](#) form with Graduate Student Academic Services (UA Graduate College) then file the [Master's Plan of Study](#) form using the [GradPath](#) system.

M.S. (Oral) Defense Examination (Terminal M.S. only)

- All other [M.S. Degree Requirements](#) must be completed prior to scheduling the M.S. (Oral) Thesis 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 have filed the [Master's Plan of Study](#) form.
- Upon successful completion of the examination, the student's academic advisor/committee chair will submit the [Master's Completion of Degree Requirements](#) (GradPath) form.
- The student must [submit the final thesis](#) to the Graduate College and provide **one** copy to the PTYS library.

M.S. Request for Change of Program form (en route M.S. only). In order for the university to award the M.S. en route to a Ph.D., student must file a [Request for Change of Program](#) form with Graduate Student Academic Services (GSAS, UA Graduate College). [Instructions for this process are here.](#) Please contact the department's graduate academic advisor for assistance.

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