## **GRADUATION**

All candidates for graduation must have their deficiencies settled and their records cleared by the end of their last semester in their current degree program.

No student shall graduate from the University System unless the student has completed at least one-year of residence work, which may, however, be extended for a longer period by the proper faculty. The student must have been in residence during the semester of graduation.

## Master's Degree

To be eligible for graduation, a student must fulfill the following requirements: completion of all required coursework with a minimum weighted average of 2.0; successful completion of an oral defense of a thesis or special problem and submission of the required number of approved manuscript copies (applicable to programs with thesis or special problem requirements); passing of the comprehensive exam (applicable to Plan B programs); and fulfillment of all other specified requirements.

## **Doctoral Degree**

To be eligible for graduation, a student must meet the following requirements: completion of all required coursework with a weighted average of 1.75 or higher; passing the preliminary oral examination of the dissertation; successful defense and submission of the doctoral dissertation; publication or acceptance of one regular article based on the dissertation in a reputable peer- reviewed scientific journal indexed in ISI; successful delivery of a public seminar following the dissertation defense; and fulfillment of all other specified requirements.

The attached graduation flowchart outlines the process for submitting graduation applications, assessing student academic records, and conducting final reviews and approvals.

## **Application for Graduation**

