The Graduate College coordinates the programs of advanced study offered by the academic units of the university. The Dean chairs the Graduate Studies Committee, sets minimum standards for graduate students, represents the university in national forums for graduate education, serves as an advocate for promoting graduate education across the university, and oversees thesis examination through the Director of Academic Writing.

The Office of Graduate Academic Affairs, headed by the Associate Vice Provost, monitors academic progress, conducts academic standing reviews, completes preliminary and final academic audits, certifies and awards degrees, and enforces co-terminal and graduate studies policies.

Thirty-three separate Master of Science (M.S.) degrees, which typically include a thesis requirement, are offered. The professional Master’s (MAS) and Master of Engineering (M.E.) degrees, which do not require a thesis, have forty-nine separate offerings. Doctoral (Ph.D.) degrees are offered in twenty-one fields.