Master’s Degree – Time to Degree Policy
Krieger School of Arts and Sciences

These policies apply to “terminal” full-time master’s degrees only in the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences. These are master’s degrees for which a student must apply through the department and the Graduate Affairs and Admissions Office.

1. Students must register for a minimum of two semesters as full-time, resident graduate students (not applicable to bachelor'-master's concurrent students).

2. Students must be registered in the semester that degree requirements are met.

3. Students must provide certification by a department or program committee that all departmental or committee requirements have been fulfilled.

4. As dictated by each master’s program, each student must complete a master's essay/thesis or final research paper approved by at least one reader when the department or program requires an essay/thesis or paper. As required by each department, that document must be submitted to the library.

5. All courses applied to the master's degree must be at the 300-level or higher, or the discretion of the department. At their discretion, individual graduate programs may institute a higher course level as the minimum for their own students.

6. Students must complete master's degree requirements within 5 consecutive academic years (10 semesters). Only semesters during which a student has a university-approved leave of absence are exempt from the ten semester limit; otherwise, all semesters from the beginning of the student's graduate studies--whether the student is resident or not—count toward the ten semester limit.

7. For any student admitted to a bachelor’s-master’s program (i.e. where the master’s degrees follows directly from the bachelor’s degree), that student must complete the master’s degree requirements in no more than 3 consecutive semesters after his/her bachelor’s degree is completed.

Admissions Policies
Full-time Master’s Programs: www.grad.jhu.edu
Full-time Bachelor’s-Master’s Programs: www.grad.jhu.edu/bachelors-masters/