

Transfer from Master's to Doctoral Graduate Program

Guidelines for Students and Mentors/Supervisors

The following transfer requirements must be met in order for a student to transfer from a master's degree to a doctoral degree without completing their master's requirements:

- Student must hold a Bachelor's degree
- Student must complete at least one year of Master program study and no more than 24 months.
- Student must have completed 9 credits at the 500 level or above with a minimum of 80% standing
- Student must show clear evidence of research ability

Transfer forms can be found at: <https://www.grad.ubc.ca/forms/transfer-masters-doctoral-graduate-program>

IMPORTANT:

If a student transfers from an MSc program to a PhD program and later fails the PhD qualifying examination, the student will not be admitted into the PhD program, nor will they be allowed to finish their MSc. degree. They will be asked to leave the program.

Additional Information:

Transfers may not be retroactive. The transfer must be clearly justified by the student's supervisor and Graduate Program Advisor in a memorandum to Graduate Studies recommending the transfer.

If a student transfers from a master's program to a doctoral program without completing the master's degree, the commencement of the doctoral program will be from the date of first registration in the master's program.

If a student transfers from one area of specialization to another in a master's program or in a doctoral program the normal time limit for completing the degree is not affected.

Transfers will not be processed for students who have outstanding fees.