Time-Line (Master’s Programs)
Each student with her/his advisor is encouraged to develop a Master’s Plan of Work and a suitable time-line toward graduation.
Here is a generic guideline to follow.

Graduation requirements
- GPA 3.0 or above
- 32 cr. Hrs. completed successfully
- No more than 12 cr. hrs. of 50000 level courses
- Core distribution electives – one course each from 4 out of 5 categories
- 2 cr. hrs. Master’s Seminar
- Successful thesis or project defense

1st semester:
- academic advisor selection
- Master’s seminar (2 cr. hrs.)
- 2 classes (6 cr. hrs.)

2nd semester:
- 3 classes (9 cr. hrs.)
- research advisor selection (by end of semester or earlier, if thesis option)
- Master’s Plan of Work

Non-thesis option
3rd semester:
- 3 classes (9 cr. hrs.)
4th semester:
- 2 classes (6 cr. hrs.)
- Project presentation

Thesis option
3rd semester:
- 2 classes (6 cr. hrs.)
- research (3 cr. hrs.)
4th semester:
- Thesis I (6 cr. hrs.)
- Thesis defense

10x3 + 2 = 32 credit hours
7x3 + 2 + 3 + 6 = 32 credit hours