

Capstone Experience

Comprehensive Exam

Students can elect to take a comprehensive examination at the beginning of their last semester of graduate school. Students must make this decision by October of their second year. This examination is made up of essay questions written by faculty, covering courses students have completed to date.

Students opting to take the comprehensive exam must also enroll in SLP 625 (3 credits) in their last semester.

Research

Students interested in research have two options. They can complete a Master's Project, enrolling in SLP 690 (3 credits). Projects are typically an extension of faculty research. Students must request a specific faculty member in advance. Interested students should identify and meet with a faculty member early in the fall of their second year to begin the process.

There is a second research option for students interested in developing an original research idea, the Master's thesis. Students considering a Master's thesis should begin identifying an area of study and professor during their first year of graduate school. Students choosing this option enroll in SLP 695 (3-6 credits).