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The Graduate School Calendar and Information for International Graduate Students are available from the Graduate School and online at www.niu.edu/grad. The Graduate School Manual for Theses and Dissertations is available for purchase at campus bookstores and is available online at www.niu.edu/grad. The Graduate School Guidelines for Preparing a Thesis or Dissertation at NIU is available online on the Thesis and Dissertation Office page of the Graduate School website. Information for International Graduate Students is online at www.niu.edu/grad/admissions/international/.

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Requirements for Graduate Degrees

Requirements for the Degrees:
Master of Accounting Science

Master of Teaching

Thesis

The thesis will be a scholarly contribution to knowledge. Its subject must be in the area of the student's major and be approved by the student's thesis director and, ultimately, by the thesis committee. The thesis presents research that has been conducted under the supervision of a graduate faculty member from the student's major department approved as the thesis director. The document may not have been published previously, and the research must be successfully defended in an oral examination. Previously published manuscripts are not acceptable in fulfilling the thesis requirements for graduate degree programs; however, it is permissible to include some previously published material (for example, a chapter, a section, or data/findings) in the thesis so long as the thesis as a whole is original, unpublished work. (See the Graduate School Guidelines for Preparing a Thesis at NIU for additional requirements.) The thesis must be successfully defended in an oral examination.

In special situations, and only with the approval of the faculty director(s) and committee(s), Students may collaborate on some aspects of the work contributing to their theses. However, each thesis submitted to the Graduate School for approval must be a unique product with the degree candidate as the sole author and with due acknowledgment of the contributions of collaborators; and the author must demonstrate to his or her committee satisfactory command of all aspects of the work presented.
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After the thesis has been reviewed and approved by the Graduate School, the approved version will be deposited electronically with UMI Dissertation Publishing ProQuest and must be accessible through their global digital library of dissertations and theses, as well as through NIU’s digital institutional repository, Huskie Commons, a unit of Founders Memorial Library, to be made available through their digital library of dissertations and theses. The student is required to pay the applicable fees.

Requirements for the Degrees
Doctor of Education
Doctor of Philosophy

Dissertation Requirements
The dissertation will be a substantial contribution to knowledge in which the student exhibits original scholarship and the ability to conduct independent research. Its subject must be in the area of the student's major and be approved by the student's dissertation director and, ultimately, by the dissertation committee. The dissertation presents research that has been conducted by the student under the supervision of a senior member of the graduate faculty from, and nominated by, the major department and approved as the dissertation director by the dean of the Graduate School. The document may not have been published previously, and the research must be successfully defended in an oral examination. The author must demonstrate to his or her committee satisfactory command of all aspects of the work presented. Previouly published manuscripts are not acceptable in fulfilling the dissertation requirements for graduate degree programs; however, it is permissible to include some previously published material (for example, a chapter, a section, or data/findings) in the dissertation so long as the dissertation as a whole is original, unpublished work. (See the Graduate School Guidelines for Preparing a Dissertation at NIU for additional requirements.) The dissertation must be successfully defended in an oral examination. The author must demonstrate to his or her committee satisfactory command of all aspects of the work presented.

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After the dissertation has received final Graduate School approval, the approved version will be deposited electronically with UMI Dissertation Publishing to be made available through their digital library of dissertations and theses. After the dissertation has been reviewed and approved by the Graduate School, the approved version will be deposited electronically with ProQuest and must be accessible through their global digital library of dissertations and theses, as well as NIU’s digital institutional repository, Huskie Commons.
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