

## Degree Requirements

### Master of Science in Hospitality Management (M.S.)

All graduate students will receive a copy of their degree plan following admission into the M.S. program. The graduate advisor, following the evaluation of all prior degrees and course work, will develop this degree plan. All M.S. degree candidates must complete a minimum of 36 semester credit hours of graduate course work at the University of Houston in order to receive the M.S. degree.

The curriculum of the program requires that students complete courses in five areas: (1) hospitality management core, (2) support courses, (3) focus course, (4) thesis or professional paper, and (5) electives. Students will also choose between a thesis or non-thesis option. The credit hours necessary for graduation are as follows:

Courses Requirement	Semester Credit Hours
Hospitality Management Core Courses incl. Paper/Thesis	19
Support Courses	9
Focus Course	3
Electives	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>

### Prerequisite Courses

Prerequisite courses will be determined through the evaluation of prior course work by the academic advisor.

Competence in the areas of finance and accounting, organizational behavior, marketing, and management information systems is expected of all M.S. degree candidates. Competency in a second language in addition to English is highly recommended. Students planning to enroll in the program must meet all prerequisite requirements or their equivalents.

Semester	Course ID	Course Title	Hrs
<b>Sem.Offer      Core Courses (non-negotiable)</b>			
Spring	HRMA 6397	Statistical Data Analysis for Hosp. Ind.	3
Fall	HRMA 6397	Services Management	3
Spring	HRMA 6369	Hospitality Financial Assets Planning & Management	3
Fall/Spring	HRMA 6382	Methods of Research in Hospitality Management	3
Fall/Spring	HRMA 6360	Hospitality Graduate Directed Practicum	3
Spring	HRMA 6197	Colloquium	1
All Year	HRMA 6190	Research Proposal	1
All Year	HRMA 6290	Professional Paper or Master Thesis Option (HRMA 6599)	2
<b>Sub-Total</b>			<b>19</b>
<b>Sem.Offer      Support Courses (choose 9 hours)</b>			
Spring	HRMA 6309	Legal Issues in the Hospitality Industry	3
Fall	HRMA 6337	Human Resources Management in the Hospitality Industry	3
Spring	HRMA 6361	Hospitality Marketing Analysis	3
Fall/Spring	HRMA 6366	Hospitality Management Strategies	3

Fall	HRMA 6397	Hospitality Real Estate Finance	3
Fall/Spring	OPEN	OPEN**	3
<b>Sub-Total</b>			<b>9</b>
<b>Sem.Offer</b>	<b>Course I.D.</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>

**Focus Courses (choose 3 hours)**

Spring	HRMA 6341	Food and Beverage Systems Management	3
Fall	HRMA 6343	Beverage Management	3
Fall/Spring	HRMA 6351	Lodging Operations Management	3
Spring/Sm	HRMA 6357	Gaming and Casino Management	3
Fall	HRMA 6397	Contract Food Service Management	3
Fall	HRMA 6397	Hospitality Education	3
Spring	HRMA 6397	Pricing and Revenue Management	3
<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>3</b>

**Sem.Offer Elective Courses (choose 5 hours)**

All Year	HRMA 6X98	Special Problems (Approval Required) 6198/6298/6398	1/2/3
Fall	HRMA 6326	Catering Management	3
Fall/Spring	HRMA 6329	Negotiations for Services Industry	3
Fall/Spring	HRMA 6336	Facilities Management	3
All Year	HRMA 6345	Wine Appreciation	3
Fall	HRMA 6354	Hotel Operations	3
Spring	HRMA 6355	Event Administration	3
All Year	HRMA 6356	Hotel Development	3
All Year	HRMA 6365	Tourism and Travel	3
All Year	HRMA 6372	MTWEP I (~300 clock hours, check deadline)	1
All Year	HRMA 6373	MTWEP II (~300 clock hours, check deadline)	1
Spring	HRMA 6383	Club Operations Management	3
Spring	HRMA 6384	Gourmet Night Management I	3
Spring	HRMA 6387	Gourmet Night Management II	3
All Year	HRMA 6397	Selected Topics	3
All Year	OPEN	OPEN**	1-5
<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>5</b>
<b>M.S. Degree Total</b>			<b>36</b>

**Core Course Waivers and Substitutions**

Core curriculum hours may not be waived under any circumstances.

The Academic Advisor/ Program Director must approve all core course substitutions and the instructor assigned to the course in question. All course work substituted in this manner must be completed at the 6000 level or above. General Petition is required. Graduate students may enroll up to 6 credit semester hours towards the elective requirement in other colleges within the University of Houston (main campus) with approval.