### Degrees Granted by Stanford

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<td>Bachelor’s Degree: A Bachelor’s Degree is an Undergraduate Degree certifying completion of a program of academic study at the baccalaureate level. A Bachelor’s Degree typically requires completing the equivalent of 180 quarter-units of work above the high school level. A Bachelor’s Degree is generally not preparation for practice in a specific profession or conduct scholarship in the field.</td>
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<td>Master’s Degree: A Master’s Degree is a Graduate Degree certifying completion of a program of academic study above the Bachelor’s Degree level. A Master’s Degree typically requires completing the equivalent of 45-90 quarter-units. A program of study leading to a Master’s Degree is often course-based and may require a thesis.</td>
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<td>Doctoral Degree: A Doctoral Degree is a Graduate Degree certifying completion of a program of academic study above the Bachelor’s Degree level. A Doctoral Degree typically requires the equivalent of 3 or more years of full-time study. Each Doctoral Degree can be categorized as a Professional Degree, which prepares holders to practice a profession at a high level, or a Academic Degree, which typically involves a requirement for substantial original work in the field.</td>
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#### Academic Degree

- **BA**
- **BS**
- **BAS**

#### Professional Degree

- **MA**
- **MS**
- **Eng**
- **MFA**
- **MPP**
- **MLS**
- **JSM**
- **LLM**
- **MLA**
- **JM**
- **EdS**
- **AM**
- **MAT**
- **EdD**
- **PhD**
- **DMA**
- **JSD**
- **MBA**
- **MFA**
- **MD**
- **JD**
- **JSD**

#### Common reporting groupings, for Stanford degrees

1. Undergraduate Degrees
2. Bachelor’s Degrees
3. Master’s Degrees
4. Professional Graduate Degrees
5. Graduate Degrees

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**Note:** This set of degrees (MBA, MD, JD) is commonly categorized as “Professional” in internal reporting. Other sets of degrees may be categorized as “Professional” in other reporting.
**Major Populations of Stanford Students**

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<td><strong>A Master’s Student</strong> is pursuing a MA, MS, MFA, Eng, MLA, MPP, MLS, JSM, LLM, or MBA degree (or, historically, an AM, EdS, MAT, or JM degree).</td>
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<td><strong>A Doctoral Student</strong> is pursuing a PhD, DMA, JSD, MD, or JD degree (or, historically, an EdD degree).</td>
<td><strong>Doctoral Student</strong>: A Doctoral student is a student pursuing a Doctoral Degree.</td>
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All Bachelor’s Students and Doctoral Students are Degree-Secaeking Students

All Bachelor’s Students are Undergraduate Students

All Master’s Students and Doctoral Students are Graduate Students

**Undergraduate Student**: An Undergraduate Student is a student who is engaged in a program of study at or below the baccalaureate level. An Undergraduate Student is either a Degree-Secaeking Student pursuing an Undergraduate Degree, or a Non-Degree-Secaeking Student who has not yet earned a Bachelor’s Degree.

**Bachelor’s Student**

**Coterminal Students** pursue Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees concurrently for at least one quarter.

While some Undergraduate Students may be degree-seeking at Stanford and non-degree-seeking elsewhere (or vice versa), Undergraduate Students may not be concurrently Degree-Secaeking and Non-Degree-Secaeking at Stanford.

**Graduate Student**: A Graduate Student is a student who is engaged in a program of study or training at the postbaccalaureate level. A Graduate Student is either a Degree-Secaeking Student pursuing a Graduate Degree, or a Non-Degree-Secaeking Student who has already earned a Bachelor’s Degree.

**Master’s Student**

**Doctoral Student**

Some Graduate Students may be concurrently pursuing degree-seeking and non-degree-seeking courses of study (e.g., a Postdoctoral Scholar who is also a Master’s Student or a Doctoral Student).

Degree-Secaeking Student at Stanford is a student who is pursuing at least one course of study which, if successfully completed, would result in a Stanford Degree. (aka “Matriculated Student”)

**Non-Degree-Secaeking Student**: A Non-Degree-Secaeking Student at Stanford is a student who is pursuing a course of study or training which does not result in a Stanford Degree. (aka “Non-Matriculated Student”)

**Student of New Faculty**

**Graduate Visiting Student Researcher**

**Medical Exchange Student**

**Postdoctoral Scholar**

**Knight Fellow, Stegner Fellow**

and many more

High School Summer Visitor

Undergraduate Summer Visiting Researcher

Undergraduate Auditor

and many more

Non-Degree-Secaeking Students are either Undergraduate Students or Graduate Students; they cannot be both.