Degrees Granted by Stanford

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Undergraduate Degree: An Undergraduate Degree is a Degree certifying completion of a program of academic study above the high school level and at or below the level of a Bachelor's Degree (or foreign equivalent).

Graduate Degree: A Graduate Degree is a Degree certifying completion of a program of academic study above the level of a Bachelor's Degree (or foreign equivalent).

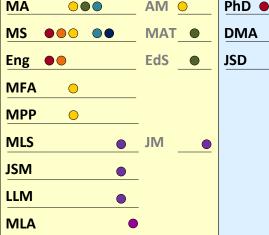
Bachelor's Degree: A Bachelor's Degree is an Undergraduate Degree certifying completion of a program of academic study at the baccalaureate level. At Stanford (and typically, in the U.S.), a Bachelor's Degree requires completing the equivalent of 180 quarter-units of work above the high school level. A Bachelor's Degree typically requires attainment of foundational subject-area knowledge in a chosen degree program, as well as a breadth of knowledge and a range of basic literacies or competencies across subject areas.

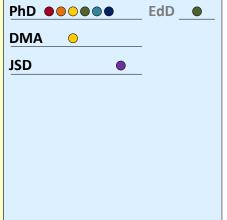
Master's Degree: A Master's Degree is a Graduate Degree certifying completion of a program of academic study above the Bachelor's Degree level. Master's Degrees may vary widely in terms of units and degree requirements/objectives. At Stanford (and typically, in the U.S.), a Master's Degree typically 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. This program of study generally involves in-depth study of a particular field, increasing students' ability to engage in a profession or conduct scholarship in the field.

Doctoral Degree: A Doctoral Degree is a Graduate Degree certifying completion of a program of academic study above the Bachelor's Degree level. At Stanford (and typically, in the U.S.), 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.

Academic Degree: An Academic Degree is a Degree certifying completion of a program of academic study with a focus on theory and/or research; preparation for practice in a specific profession is generally not emphasized.









Professional Degree: A Professional Degree is a Degree certifying completion of a program of academic study which is intended to prepare the holder for practice in a specific profession.

(none offered at Stanford)

MBA ● MD
JD

MD • JD • **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.

Common reporting groupings, for Stanford degrees

Degrees

Bachelor's Degrees	Academic Master's Degrees	Academic Doctoral Degrees
(1)	Professional Master's	Professiona Doctoral

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(3)	Profession	al Graduate

	Bachelor's Degrees (aka "Under- graduate Degrees")	Academic Graduate Degrees
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Bachelor's Degrees (aka "Under- graduate Degrees")	Graduate Degrees
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