

COMPARING DEGREE LEVELS

	BACHELOR'S	MASTER'S
Program length	Typically four years	Usually two to three years*
Credits	About 120 credit hours	About 30 to 60 semester credit hours
Entry Requirement	High school diploma or equivalent	Bachelor's degree
Courses	General education that covers foundational knowledge	Advanced expertise on a particular field of study
Career Opportunities	Prepares you for various entry-level positions	Often required for higher-level positions and academia
Further Education	Master's programs may follow for some individuals	Doctoral programs or postgraduate study

*Master's degree programs typically take 18-24 months to complete. But program length can vary based on the degree you're interested in. University of Phoenix's competency-based MBA program can take less than a year to complete, while the Master of Science in Counseling (MSC) degree can take three years and five months. Check the program you're interested in for more details, or speak with a University representative.