

# Master's Goals

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## College of Graduate Studies and Research Master's Goals

It is the mission of Northeastern Illinois University to prepare a diverse community of students for leadership and service in our region and in a dynamic, multicultural world. In the College of Graduate Studies and Research, our programs offer opportunities for our students to achieve mastery in the following areas: Knowledge, Tools of Inquiry, Relevance, Communication, and Professionalism. Students will demonstrate that mastery through both coursework and a culminating experience appropriate to the program.

### Knowledge

Graduate students will pursue and master advanced, specialized knowledge within their discipline.

### Tools of Inquiry

Graduate students will develop academic curiosity and expertise in using tools of inquiry reflecting the norms and standards of their discipline. This expertise includes research ethics and methodologies, modes of critical thinking and problem solving, and appropriate uses of technology.

### Relevance

Graduate students will apply their knowledge and tools of inquiry to contextualize their learning within broad global, public, and academic communities.

### Communication

Graduate students will develop professional communication skills, giving them the ability to engage in the critical, open exchange of ideas. They will be able to participate in diverse, collaborative networks within and across disciplines.

### Professionalism

Graduate students will be prepared to serve and lead effectively in a diverse, global society according to the professional standards of their discipline. They will be ready to establish themselves as ethical individuals in their professional lives.