



Academic Portfolio

The Academic portfolio will be comprised of a critical reflection essay, a current vita and three academic papers representing the graduating candidate's development over the course of the degree. Under mentorship of the committee chair, one paper will be revised significantly to fit within a designated field-specific journal. The other two papers will be minimally revised, chosen along with the first to reflect the breadth of the candidate's development. The portfolio will be prefaced with an introductory essay that connects the three works through commentary on the candidate's growth during the master's degree along with a projection on how the degree will impact their future goals. The selection of the Academic Portfolio best serves candidates who are considering an academic or professional program, presently or in the future.

Professional Portfolio (Option 2)

The Professional portfolio will be comprised of a critical reflection essay, a resume, and two projects representing the graduating candidate's professional development over the course of the degree. Under mentorship of the committee chair, the projects will be revised as needed to serve as professional samples. The portfolio will be prefaced by an introductory essay that connects the two works through commentary on the candidate's growth during the master's degree along with a projection on how the degree will impact their future goals. The Professional Portfolio best serves candidates who intend to use the degree for professional advancement or career change.

Projects best representing the breadth of the graduating candidate's skills may include but are not limited to the following:

revised paper,

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grant proposal,
teaching portfolio,
website,
creative work, or
multimedia presentation/project.

The contents of the Academic or Professional portfolios will be decided by defense chairs in their initial consultations with their students.