# A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT'S GUIDE TO THINKING ABOUT GRADUATE SCHOOL



#### What is Graduate School?

Graduate degrees are degrees which are completed **after** a bachelor's degree (Masters or Doctoral degrees).
Graduate programs are a concentrated/specialized area of study, usually requiring more rigorous coursework.

#### Why would I go to Graduate School?

Some professions or careers may required a person to have a masters or doctoral degree for employment or career advancement.

## START THINKING NOW

### TIPS FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS



Graduate School

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- Go to class and utilize instructor office hours
- Take advantage of campus resources and Excel Centers
- Get involved on campus with student clubs and activities
- Visit the Career and Innovation Center for major and career exploration
- Declare your major with your advisor (if you haven't already)
- Talk to your advisor about UCCS's AMP Program (Accelerated Masters Pathway)
- Begin researching graduate schools and talk to your professors about graduate school
- Explore your graduate program interests on the UCCS web-site (https://bit.ly/3LP5CrN) ☐ ♣ ★★★

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