

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS
Meralco Drive, Pasig, Metro Manila

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DECS Order No. 97, s. 1993

**LIFTING OF THE COMPULSORY THESIS REQUIREMENT
FOR GRADUATE BUSINESS PROGRAMS**

To: Bureau Directors, Regional Directors
Heads of State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. Effective with this current school year 1993-94, the graduate program leading to the degree of Master of Business Administration, as well as the related graduate programs in Master of Arts in Commerce, Master in Management, and Master of Business Management, will no longer need a thesis as part of the minimum requirements for the degree.

2. In addition, no specific subjects will be required by DECS for the graduate business degree, although graduate business schools are encouraged to state their own minimum requirements for their core curricula, as well as for distribution and professional requirements. The minimum number of academic units will remain at thirty-six units; however, the six units previously earmarked for the thesis may now be replaced with other subjects.

3. This modification of the minimum requirements of the graduate business programs has been made upon the request of the Philippine Association of Collegiate Schools of Business (PACSB), which has pointed out that the great majority of American colleges and universities offering the program (and from which the MBA program originated) do not require a thesis.

4. The dispensation of the thesis requirement for the graduate business programs will take effect the second semester or the third trimester of the current school year 1993-94. Those graduate schools of business which had previously required a thesis, and who now intend to drop that requirement, should notify the appropriate DECS Regional Office in writing before the end of the semester or trimester in which the lifting is to take effect. The lifting of the compulsory thesis requirement does not prevent those graduate schools who wish to continue with the thesis requirement from doing so.

5. All previous DECS issuances, including MECS Order No. 7, s. 1982, which are inconsistent with this Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.


Reference:

MECS Order: (No. 7, s. 1982)

Allotment: 1-3-4--(M. O. 1-97)

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