

## DATA ELEMENT DESCRIPTION

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**NUMBER:** 2290  
**NAME:** DEGREE SOUGHT (GRADUATE DEGREES ONLY)  
**DEFINITION:** A code signifying the graduate degree type (MA, MS, MST, MAT, etc.) sought.

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### CODING REQUIREMENTS

**LENGTH:** 5 positions

**DECIMAL POSITION:** N/A

**SPECIFICATIONS:** This element should be completed for all graduate students enrolled in degree programs. If the student is not enrolled in a degree program (i.e., Major (DE 2270) is coded '99992') this element should be left blank (b).

**EXAMPLE:** Degree sought is MA; this element is "MAbbb."

**DEFAULTS:** If student has a graduate classification (Student Classification (DE 2210) is an 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', or 'Y') and Major, Current 1 (DE 2270(1)) contains '99992', then this element is defaulted to spaces during the build process. If Student Classification (DE 2210) is other than 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', or 'Y', then this element is defaulted to spaces. If Degree Sought 2 (DE 2290(2)) is not equal to spaces and Degree Sought 1 (DE 2290(1)) is equal to spaces, then move Degree Sought 2 (DE 2290(2)) to Degree Sought 1 (DE 2290(1)) and default Degree Sought 2 (DE 2290(2)) to spaces.

**EDITS:**

2290-21 *If the student is a graduate (Student Classification (DE 2210) = 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', or 'Y') and Major, Current (DE 2270) does not contain '99992', then the following conditions must be met:*

- a) *The first occurrence of this element must contain a masters, education specialist, or doctorate level code which is valid for the Unit (DE 2160).*
- b) *If the second occurrence of this element contains a code (i.e., it is not blank (b)), it must also meet the above condition (a).*
- c) *When one or both occurrences of this element is not blank (b), at least one of the degrees must be a valid degree for the Student Classification (DE 2210).*

2290-22 *If the student is a graduate student (Student Classification (DE 2210) = 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', or 'Y') and both occurrences of this element are not blank (b), then the second occurrence should not equal the first.*

**NOTES:**

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### APPLICABILITY

**UNITS:** All

**POPULATION:** All graduate and professional students as specified in the CDR Reporting Guidelines (see pages I.8-I.16)

**DATE OF RECORD:** Tenth day of instruction

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