OVERVIEW
Did you know you can earn a master’s “along the way” (MALW) to your doctorate in select graduate programs? Also known as a Master’s en Passant, the master’s along the way is an effective way to pick up a master’s degree in your doctoral discipline. If you are currently enrolled in a doctoral program at FAU, speak to your academic advisor to see if a master’s along the way is an option for you!

INSTRUCTIONS
In order to obtain a MALW, students are required to complete the following:

1. **Consult with your Advisor:** Interested students should consult with their advisor to verify that the MALW is an option for students in their doctoral program under the following criteria:
   - Graduate students must be in good academic standing and actively enrolled in a doctoral program.
   - The MALW must be in the same field as the doctoral program.
   - The MALW Plan of Study (POS) must meet all requirements for the master’s degree as outlined in the course catalog.

2. **Submit your POS for a master’s degree:** After consulting with their advisor, and after the majority of master’s coursework is complete, a student has two options to submit their MALW POS:
   - **Option 1:** Create a separate POS for the MALW and include all courses from the doctoral program that will count towards the master’s degree. Check the “MALW” box on the master’s POS.
   - **Option 2:** Submit a doctoral POS that includes the text “MALW” by each course title that will count for the master’s degree. Check the “MALW” box on the doctoral POS.

   *Please Note: Students should seek the advice of their department before choosing a MALW POS option. Departments may have additional requirements and instructions.*

3. **Submit an MALW Application for Degree:** After consulting with their advisor, and after the majority of master’s coursework is complete, students should submit their MALW application for degree following these guidelines:
   - Submit the Application for Degree by the deadline indicated on the University Calendar, which can be found here: [https://www.fau.edu/registrar/registration/calendar.php](https://www.fau.edu/registrar/registration/calendar.php)
   - Write “MALW” at the top of the application.
   - Obtain all department and college signatures before submitting to the Graduate College.

   *Please Note: Students should seek the advice of their department before submitting an MALW Application for Degree. Departments may have additional requirements and instructions.*

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*Please note, the Form 4 is no longer required for the MALW.*