Master of Science (MS) Degree Requirements
There are two tracks leading to the Master of Science in Chemistry. To obtain a Master of Science (MS) degree, the student must meet both the Graduate School and the Department of Chemistry requirements.

The Graduate School requirements
✓ Graduate registration for a minimum of two graduate-level credits (300-level or above for a grade, no audits, or pass/fail) in the term (fall, spring or summer) you expect to graduate.
✓ 30 or more credits requirement for the appropriate degree has been met, or will be by the end of the semester.
✓ Graduate GPA of at least 3.00
   http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/chemistry/chemistry-ma/

The Department of Chemistry Requirements
Research Master Degree
The research MS requires 30 credits*, at least 15 of which must come from research or advanced lab work. A thesis or written final report, submitted to the advisor, is also required. The research credits obtained before you join a research group do not count toward the degree.

Course-Word Master Degree
The coursework MS requires 30 credits*, no more than 8 of which may be from research or advanced lab work. The research credits obtained before you join a research group do not count toward the degree.

*The credits from Chem 607 (Laboratory Safety) and Chem 901 (First-year Teaching Chemistry seminar) do not count toward the degree.