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Objectives of Graduate and Professional Studies

The Office of Graduate and Professional Studies (OGAPS) maintains the official record for each graduate student, and in this role serves as the primary administrative body and overarching source of information for graduate education. Once a graduate student is accepted by an academic department, school or college, OGAPS assists and facilitates progression toward completion of a graduate degree through maintenance of all official records. OGAPS interacts directly with the Graduate Council and Graduate Operations Committee to set minimal University guidelines, and all departments and colleges use these as a framework for operation, only setting more stringent standards when needed and appropriate. Clearance for graduation, including final review of theses, dissertations, and records of study when required, is performed by OGAPS, but the Office of the Registrar is responsible for issuing all transcripts.

The overall objective of graduate study is to provide a student with the intellectual depth and breadth, and appropriate training and professional development necessary to pursue a productive career in a profession and/or in various fields of teaching and research and in other ways make a larger contribution to society than would be otherwise possible.

A graduate student is admitted for graduate study in a department to pursue generally only one of the university graduate programs at a time. Such programs are usually accessible by admission into a single department. A select number of dual degree programs allow a student the opportunity to pursue two master's degrees simultaneously. For a listing of the approved dual degree programs, a student should consult the graduate catalog and his/her department. In some cases, an intercollegiate faculty oversees the programs allowing access through several departments. Each department has one or more graduate advisors who can provide information about specific programs within that department.

A student's program of graduate study usually consists of a combination of coursework, independent study and scholarly research resulting in a report, record of study, master's thesis or doctoral dissertation. In some programs, a student may be required to participate in an internship or other professional activity to satisfy particular degree requirements. Some departments require a student's participation in teaching as part of his/her degree program.

Administration of Graduate and Professional Studies

The graduate faculty at Texas A&M University consists of the President, the Provost and Executive Vice President, the Associate Provosts, the Deans of all subject-matter colleges, selected Directors and properly qualified academic group. Members of the graduate faculty participate in the graduate degree programs of the University by serving on student advisory committees and teaching graduate courses. Individuals who are not members of the graduate faculty of Texas A&M University may not teach graduate courses or serve on student advisory committees unless special approval is granted by the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies.

Office of Graduate and Professional Studies Administrative Officers

Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Studies - Karen L. Butler-Purry, Ph.D.
Assistant Provost for Graduate and Professional Studies - Leonard Bright, Ph.D.
Assistant Provost for Graduate and Professional Studies - Rosana G. Moreira, Ph.D.

Graduate Council

The Graduate Council is composed of representatives from the graduate faculty at Texas A&M. The Council develops and maintains policies and procedures pertaining to graduate programs at the university. The Council’s function includes long-range planning, recommendation of new programs and courses, evaluation of existing programs and courses, and facilitation of university accreditation. Requests for new, changes, or withdrawals of courses or programs are submitted through the Curricular Approval Request System, and questions may be sent via email to gradcounciladmin@tamu.edu.

The Graduate Council shall review all curricular requests pertaining to the graduate and professional academic programs, shall be responsible for the quality and development of the graduate instruction and programs and shall advise the Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Studies on all graduate and professional program matters. The Graduate Council shall communicate in writing, through its secretary, its recommendations to the Faculty Senate.

Membership shall consist of one representative from each College and off-campus academic unit, who shall be selected by the Faculty Senate Committee on Committees after consultation with the College deans and caucuses (chairs of college graduate instruction committees and associate deans for graduate programs shall be considered for appointment); two representatives of the Graduate Faculty; two graduate students; and the Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Studies as an Ex-Officio member. All faculty members shall be members of the Graduate Faculty.

All of the above members except the Associate Provost shall be voting members. In the absence of the appointed member, a substitute may vote on behalf of that unit.

Included also among Graduate Council membership in a non-voting capacity are the following: Curricular Services; Library Council – Evans; Library – Medical; Office of Graduate and Professional Studies – Associate Provost; Graduate Studies - TAMU Galveston; Office of Graduate and Professional Studies - Representative, Office of Graduate and Professional Studies - Staff, serving as Secretary.

Graduate Council Members

November 2017 – October 2018 As of February 7, 2018

* Indicates non-voting member

Chair, George Cunningham
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Emily Wilson
Dennis Jansen
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Graduate Student Representative – Matthew Etchells
Graduate Student Representative – to be determined
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Mark Zoran*
Sandra Williams *
Paula Sullenger *
Arwen Meador *
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LaRhesa Johnson*
Russell Ramirez*

Graduate Operations Committee (GOC)
The Graduate Operations Committee serves as an advisory body to the
Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Studies. It focuses
primarily on operations and procedures regarding administration of
graduate education throughout the University. The Graduate Operations
Committee serves as a forum for the Associate Deans in each College
to discuss issues/concerns of an operational nature, and to recommend
procedures, which are as uniform as possible across Colleges, to resolve
these issues/concerns. The Graduate Operations Committee works very
closely with the Graduate Council to coordinate all curriculum and policy
issues. It also works closely with the Academic Operations Committee
to consider recommendations concerning operations and procedures.
Each academic College is represented on the Graduate Operations
Committee by the Associate Dean (or other named individual) responsible
for graduate studies in that college.

Graduate Operations Committee Members
(September 2017 - August 2018)
Gerianne Alexander
Larry Bellinger Matthew Etchells, GPSC President
Cole Blease Graham
Robert Burghardt
Harry Hogan
Beverly Irby
Dawn Jourdan
Mansoor Kahn
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Van Wilson
Jianhua Huang

College Committees on Graduate
Instruction
Responsible for making recommendations concerning graduate course
offerings, general policies on graduate instruction and for other matters
pertaining to graduate studies in each college.

Committees on Graduate Instruction

Agriculture and Life Sciences
David W. Reed, Chair
Spencer Behmer
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Sandun Fernando
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Patricia Klein
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Dawn Jourdan
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Terry Larsen
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Nancy Klein
Shelley Smith
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George Rogers
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**College of Engineering**

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Arun Jayaraman  
Victor Ugaz  
Yunlong Zhang  
Duncan M. “Hank” Walker  
Scott Miller  
Jiang Hu  
Jorge Leon  
Bharani Nagarathnam  
Amaranath Banerjee  
Timothy Jacobs  
Michael Demkowicz  
Daniel McAdams  
Jeffrey Falzarano  
Jenn-Tai Liang

**Geosciences**

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Kathleen O’Reilly  
Istvan Szunyogh  
Dan Thornton

**College of Law**

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Milan Markovic  
Mark Burge  
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**Liberal Arts**

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Kristan Poirot  
Silvana Krasteva  
Sally Robinson  
Esther Quintana  
Lorien Foote  
David Donkor  
Kenneth Easwaran  
Matthew Fuhrmann  
Charles Samuelson  
Sherece Fields  
Harland Prechel

**College of Medicine**

Van Wilson, Chair  
Marquita Adrian  
Yifeng Cheng(GSO Student Representative)  
Sharon DeMorrow  
Ryang H. Lee  
Julian Leibowitz  
Cynthia A. Lewis  
Cynthia Meininger  
Margie Moczygemba  
David J. Reiner  
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Jun Wang  
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Christian Hilty
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