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 masters 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.

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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.

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