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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 documents. 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 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 programs listed on the following pages at one 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 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 programs.

**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 - Susan A. Bloomfield, 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. Agenda items and questions may be sent via e-mail 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 - Specialist.

**Graduate Council Members**

*(September 2015–August 2016)*

- * Indicates non-voting member

  - Chair, Mark Zoran
  - Gerianne Alexander
  - Larry Bellinger
  - Marisa Biondi
  - At-Large Faculty Representative (School of Law) – to be determined
  - Karen Butler-Purry *
  - John Criscione
  - Koen Hocker
  - Debra Matthews
  - Annie McGowan
  - Darcy McMaughan
  - Rosana Moreira *
  - Srinath Palakurthi
  - Leslie Feigenbaum
  - Robert Hetland
  - Beverly Irby
  - Dennis Jansen
  - Nicole Kinslow *
  - Kirsten Pullen
  - David Reed
  - Paula Sellinger *
  - Joel Thornton *
  - Jane Welsh
  - Sandra Williams *
  - Van Wilson
  - Emily Wilson

**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.

**Graduate Operations Committee Members**

Gerianne Alexander  
Larry Bellinger  
Marisa Biondi  
Leonard A. Bright  
Robert Burghardt  
John C. Criscione  
George B. Cunningham  
Leslie H. Feigenbaum  
Debra Matthews  
Weston W. Porter  
Antonietta Quigg  
Dave W. Reed  
Antonio Rene  
Eric Riggs  
Bala Shetty  
Emily Wilson  
Van Wilson  
Mark Zoran

**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  
Clinton D. Alred  
Thomas W. Boutton  
Luc Berghman  
Craig J. Coates  
Sundun D. Fernando  
David W. Forrest  
Delbert M. Gatlin  
Dirk B. Hays  
Patricia E. Klein  
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Pete D. Teel  
Heather Wilkinson

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Nancy Klein  
Carol J. LaFayette  
Ming-Han Li  
Sarel Lavy  
George O. Rogers  
Julia S. Rogers  
Robert O. Segner

**Bush School of Government**

Leonard A. Bright, Chair  
Gregory Gause  
Deborah L. Kerr  
Ren Mu  
Jeryl Mumpower

**Mays Business School**

**PhD**

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Laszlo Tihanyi  
Alina Sorescu  
Shane Johnson  
Michael E. Ketzenberg  
Michael R. Kinney

**MBA, Executive MBA and Professional MBA**

Bala Shetty, Chair  
Christa Bouwman  
Michael R. Kinney  
Rogelio Oliva  
Suresh Ramanathan  
Michael J. Wesson

**MS**

Bala Shetty, Chair  
Murray Barrick  
Arvind Mahajan  
Stephen W. McDaniel  
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Richard D. Metters  
Kevin Moore

**Texas A&M Baylor College of Dentistry**

Larry L. Bellinger, Chair  
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Dan Jones  
Carolyn Kerins  
David Kerns  
Harvey Kessler  
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**Education and Human Development**

George B. Cunningham, Chair  
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Beverly J. Irby  
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Yu Ding  
Sandun D. Fernando  
Arun Jayaraman  
Daniel F. Jennings  
Vikram Kinra  
Andreas Klappenecker  
Kristen Maitland  
Dan McAdams  
Miladin Radovic  
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**Geosciences**

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Ronald A. Kaiser  
Steven Quiring  
Istvan Szunyogh  
Shari Yvon-Lewis  
Sara Talmage  
Gregg Wells  
Courtney A. West  
Ursula Winzer-Serhan  
Warren Zimmer

**School of Public Health**

Ranjan Mehta, Chair  
Jennifer Ross  
Brian Colwell  
Darcy McMaughan  
Jennifer Horney

**Science**

Mark J. Zoran, Chair  
Peter B. Howard  
Jianhua Huang  
Arne Lekven  
Simon W. North  
Joseph H. Ross

**Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences**

C. Jane Welsh, Chair  
Noah D. Cohen  
Michael F. Criscitiello  
Christine L. Heaps  
Patricia J. Holman  
Charles R. Long  
William B. Saunders  
Loren C. Skow  
Jörg M. Steiner  
Ashlee Watts

**Texas A&M University at Galveston**

Antonietta Quigg, Chair  
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Timothy Dellapenna  
JoAnn DiGeorgio-Lutz  
Wesley Highfield  
Joan Mileski  
Jay Rooker  
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