A student who graduates from Texas A&M University with a doctoral degree will:

- **Master degree program requirements**, including
  - theories, concepts, principles, and practice;
  - develop a coherent understanding of the subject matter through synthesis across courses and experiences; and
  - apply subject matter knowledge to solve problems and make decisions.

- Apply a variety of strategies and tools, use a variety of sources, and evaluate multiple points of view to analyze and integrate information and to conduct critical, reasoned arguments.

- Communicate effectively.

- Develop clear research plans, conduct valid, data-supported, theoretically consistent, and institutionally appropriate research and effectively disseminate the results of the research in appropriate venues to a range of audiences.

- Use appropriate technologies to communicate, collaborate, conduct research, and solve problems.

- Teach and explain the subject matter in their discipline.

- Choose ethical courses of action in research and practice.