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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 combined master’s degree programs allow a student the opportunity to pursue two master’s degrees simultaneously. For a listing of the approved combined master’s 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 groups. 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.

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 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 - Representative, Office of Graduate and Professional Studies - Staff, serving as Administrative Assistant.

Graduate Council Members

September 2019 – August 2020 (As of February 24, 2020)

* Indicates non-voting member

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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.

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(September 2019 - August 2020)
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Larry Bellinger
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Committees on Graduate Instruction

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MS
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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.
Michael Shaub
Ron Chandler
Veronica Stilley

**Dentistry**
Madhu (Matt) Nair (Co-Chair)
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Christian Hilty
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