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Objectives of the Graduate and Professional School

The Graduate and Professional School 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, the Graduate and Professional School assists and facilitates progression toward completion of a graduate degree through maintenance of all official records. The Graduate and Professional School 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 the Graduate and Professional School, but the Office of the Registrar is responsible for issuing all transcripts.

The overall objective of graduate and professional studies is to provide a student with the intellectual depth and breadth, 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 degree programs allow a student the opportunity to pursue two degrees simultaneously. For a listing of the approved combined degree programs, a student should consult the graduate and professional 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 may consist 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 Graduate and Professional School.

Graduate and Professional School Administrative Officers

Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate and Professional School - Karen L. Butler-Purry, Ph.D.
Senior Associate Dean of the Graduate and Professional School – George B. Cunningham, Ph.D.
Associate Dean of the Graduate and Professional School - Julie Harlin, Ph.D.
Associate Dean of the Graduate and Professional School – Adam Seipp, 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 courses and programs as well as changes to or withdrawals of existing courses or programs are submitted through the Curricular Approval Request System, and questions may be sent via e-mail to gradcounciladmin@tamu.edu.

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

All faculty members shall serve three-year terms. Those serving on a committee as a result of their Texas A&M University position shall continue to serve as long as they are in that position. Student members shall serve one-year terms.

To ensure continuity, the Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate and Professional School shall serve as the Chair of the Council.

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

A representative from the Graduate and Professional School and one representative of the University Library Council shall serve as non-voting members. In addition, a representative from Curricular Services shall serve and provide advice as a non-voting member.
A representative from the Graduate and Professional School shall serve as the Administrative Assistant but not have voting privileges.

**Graduate Council Members**

September 2020 – August 2021 (As of March 12, 2021)

* Indicates non-voting member

Chair: Jeffery Hatala
Vice Chair: Katherine Reed

Christian Brannstrom
Mary Bryk
Maria Escobar-Lemmon
Blease Graham
Harry Hogan
Beverly Irby
Dennis Jansen
Dawn Jourdan
David Kessler
Mansoor Khan
Charlotte Ku
Kevin Moore
Kristan Poirot
Matthew Sorenson
Kathy Svoboda
Carol Vargas
Uthej Vattipalli, GPSG President
Mark Zoran

Graduate Student Representatives:

Graduate Student Representative – Uthej Vattipalli*
Graduate Student Representative – Rio O’Neal*
Karen Butler-Purry*
Shartrisse Judson*
Nicole Kinslow*
Narendra Kumar*
Jamie Saucier*
Paula Sullenger*
Sandra Williams*

**Graduate Operations Committee (GOC)**

The Graduate Operations Committee serves as an advisory body to the Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate and Professional School. 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 2020 - August 2021)

Karen Butler-Purry, Chair
Christian Brannstrom
Mary Bryk
Michael Criscitiello
Maria Escobar-Lemmon

Cole Blease Graham
Jennifer Griffith
Terri Helge
Harry Hogan
Beverly Irby
Mansoor Kahn
Arvind Mahajan
Antonietta Quigg
Katie Reed
Ivan Rusyn
Matthew Sorenson
Kathy Svoboda
Carol Vargas
Uthej Vattipalli, GPSG President
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**

Mary Bryk, Chair
Joseph Awika
Craig Coates
Kathrin Dunlap
Morgan Farnell
Sandun Fernando
Dirk Hays
Patricia Klein
Gerard Kyle
David Leatham
Jamie Norgaard
Jean-Philippe Pellois
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Victoria Salin
Won Bo Shim
Wayne C. Smith
Robert Strong
David Threadgill
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Shelley Smith
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**Bush School of Government**

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Lori Taylor
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PhD  
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Seok Hwan (Aaron) Cho  
Carolyn Kerins  
Andrew Read-Fuller  
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L. Bruno Ruest  
Larry Tadlock  
Peggy Timothé  
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Tamika Gilreath  
Paul Hernandez  
Laura Stough  

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Harry Hogan, Chair  
David Allen  
Kelly Brumbelow  
Aniruddha Datta  
Michael Demkowicz  
Diego Donzis  
Sandun D. Fernando  
Alfredo Garcia  
Micah Green  
Roland Kaunas  
Jorge Leon  
Jenn-Tai Liang  
Bryan Rasmussen  
Pavel Tsvetkov  
Victor Ugaz  
Duncan M. “Hank” Walker  
Yunlong Zhang  

Geosciences  
Christian Brannstrom, Chair  
Inci Güernalp  
Ron Kaiser  
Andrew Klein  
Franco Marcantonio  
Brent Miller  
Istvan Szunyogh  
Chrissy Stover Wiederwohl  

College of Law  
David Dye, Chair  
Mark Byrnes  
Ellen Quintana  
Sally Robinson  
Jeffrey Winking  
Anna Wiederhold Wolfe  
Lori Wright  
Takashi Yamauchi  

Liberal Arts  
Maria Escobar-Lemmon, Chair  
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Leonardo Cardoso  
Scott J. Cook  
Amy Glass  
Walter Kamphoefner  
Heili Pals  
Martin Peterson  
Esther Quintana  
Sally Robinson  
Jeffrey Winking  
Anna Wiederhold Wolfe  
Lori Wright  
Takashi Yamauchi  

College of Medicine  
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Marquita Adrian, (Program Coordinator)  
Jordyn Michalik (GSO Student Representative)  
Andrea Trache  
Julian Leibowitz  
Cynthia A. Lewis, (Program Coordinator)  
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Gregg Wells  
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Carol Vargas (Assn Dean of Graduate Studies)  

School of Public Health  
Szhu-suan (Sherry) Lin, Chair  
Leslie Cizmas, Vice Chair  
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Nelda Mier  

Science  
Mark J. Zoran, Chair  
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Willa W. Chen  
Rene Garcia  
Christian Hilty  
Joseph H. Ross  

Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences  
Michael Criscitiello, Chair
Cristine Budke
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