On-Campus and Distance Education Degree Programs

The student's advisory committee, in consultation with the student, will develop the proposed degree plan. The degree plan must be completed and filed with the Graduate and Professional School prior to the deadlines imposed by the student's college, and no later than 90 days prior to the date of the final oral examination.

This proposed degree plan should be submitted through the online Document Processing Submission System located on the website https://ogsdpss.tamu.edu (https://ogsdpss.tamu.edu/).

Additional coursework may be added to the approved degree plan by petition if it is deemed necessary by the advisory committee to correct deficiencies in the student's academic preparation. No changes can be made to the degree plan once the student's Request for Final Examination is approved the Graduate and Professional School.

Credit Requirement

A minimum of 36 hours is required for the Master of Wildlife Science degree.

Distance Education Degree Program

The minimum requirements for the degree are 36 hours of coursework.

Transfer of Credit

On-Campus Degree Program

A student who has earned 12 hours of graduate credit in residence at Texas A&M University may be authorized to transfer courses in excess of the limits prescribed above upon the advice of the advisory committee and with the approval of the Graduate and Professional School. Graduate and/or upper-level undergraduate courses taken in residence at an accredited U.S. institution or approved international institution with a final grade of B or greater might be considered for transfer credit if, at the time the courses were completed, the courses were acceptable for credit toward a similar degree at the student's degree-seeking status at the host institution. Otherwise, the limitations stated in the preceding section apply. Coursework in which no formal grades are given or in which grades other than letter grades (A or B) are earned (for example, CR, P, S, U, H, etc.) is not accepted for transfer credit. Courses appearing on the degree plan with grades of D, F or U may not be absorbed by transfer work. Credit for thesis research or the equivalent is not transferable. Credit for coursework submitted for transfer from any
credit-hour requirements for the master's degree under the following
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Limitations on the Use of Transfer, Extension and Certain Other Courses
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If otherwise acceptable, certain courses may be used toward meeting
credit-hour requirements for the master's degree under the following
limitations.

1. The maximum number of credit hours which may be considered for
transfer credit is the greater of 12 hours or one-third (1/3) of the total
hours of a degree plan. The following restrictions apply:
• Graduate and/or upper-level undergraduate courses, taken
in residence at an accredited U.S. institution, or approved
international institution with a final grade of B or greater will be
considered for transfer credit if, at the time the courses were
completed, the student was in degree-seeking status at Texas
A&M University, or the student was in degree-seeking status at
the institution at which the courses were taken; and if the courses
would be accepted for credit toward a similar degree for a student
in degree-seeking status at the host institution.
• Courses previously used for another degree are not acceptable for
degree plan credit.

2. The maximum number of credit hours taken in post-baccalaureate
non-degree (G6) classification at Texas A&M University which may be
considered for application to the degree plan is 12.

3. A zero credit 684 and 685 course is only allowed for non-thesis
master’s students. Other courses, including 691 research hours, are
not eligible for zero credit.

4. Any combination of 684, 685, 690 and 693 may not exceed 25 percent
of the total credit hour requirement shown on the individual degree
plan:
• A maximum of 8 hours of 684 (Professional Internship) and/or
• A maximum of 8 hours of 685 (Directed Studies), and
• Up to 3 hours of 690 (Theory of Research), or
• Up to 3 hours of 693 (Professional Studies).

5. A maximum of 2 hours of Seminar (681).

6. A maximum of 9 hours of advanced undergraduate courses (300- or
400-level).

7. For graduate courses of three weeks’ duration or less, taken at other
institutions, up to 1 hour of credit may be obtained for each five-day
week of coursework. Each week of coursework must include at least
15 contact hours.

8. No credit hours of 691 (Research) may be used.

9. Continuing education courses may not be used for graduate credit.

10. Extension courses are not acceptable for credit.

Exceptions will be permitted only in unusual cases and when petitioned
by the student’s advisory committee and approved by the Graduate and
Professional School.

Final Examination
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The candidate must pass a final examination by dates announced each
semester or summer term in the Gradate and Professional School
Calendar. To be eligible to take the final examination, a student’s GPA
must be at least 3.00 for courses on the degree plan and for all courses
completed at Texas A&M which are eligible to be applied to a graduate
degree, and no unabsolved grades of D, F or U can occur for any course
listed on the degree plan. To absolve a deficient grade, the student must
repeat the course at Texas A&M University and achieve a grade of C or
better. All coursework on the degree plan must have been completed with
the exception of those hours for which the student is registered.

A request to hold and announce the final examination must be submitted
to the Graduate and Professional School a minimum of 10 working days
in advance of the scheduled date for the examination. The Graduate and
Professional School must be notified in writing of any cancellation. A
student may be given only one opportunity to repeat the final examination
for the master’s degree and that must be within a time period that does
not extend beyond the end of the next regular semester (summer terms
are excluded). The final exam cannot be held prior to the mid point of the
semester in questions on the exam are based on courses in which the
student is currently enrolled.

A professional paper, which is a scholarly report of a problem solving
nature, will be prepared by each student. The professional paper must
be submitted to the student’s advisory committee for approval prior to
the final examination. The final examination will cover all work taken on
the degree plan and at the option of the committee may be written or
oral or both. The examination is conducted by the student’s advisory
committee as finally constituted. Persons other than members of the
graduate faculty may, with mutual consent of the candidate and the
major professor, attend final examinations for advanced degrees. Upon
completion of the questioning of the candidate, all visitors must excuse
themselves from the proceedings. A positive vote by all members of
the graduate committee with at most one dissension is required to
pass a student on his or her exam. A department can have a stricter
requirement provided there is consistency within all degree programs
within a department.

The Report of the Final Examination Form must be submitted with
original signatures of only the committee members approved by the
Graduate and Professional School. If an approved committee member
substitution (1 only) has been made, his/her signature must also be
submitted to the Graduate and Professional School. If necessary, multiple
copies of the form may be submitted with different committee member
original signatures. If an approved committee member substitution (1
only) has been made, his/her signature must be included on the form
submitted to the Graduate and Professional School.
Master of Wildlife Science degree candidates do not qualify to petition for an exemption from their final examination.