MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERSHIP

The MS in Entrepreneurial Leadership curriculum is currently available to students in the Professional Program in Accounting (PPA) in Mays Business School, or as a standalone Master's degree offered through the Management Department. The program is designed to develop the competencies needed to successfully create and manage new ventures or to be a driver of innovation within existing enterprises. Emphasis is placed on leadership in three areas: conceiving, exploiting, and managing opportunities. Graduates of this program are provided with the tools to plan for new business start-ups, become leaders in high growth firms, or to become corporate intrapreneurs capable of improving an organization's ability to innovate.

Students will complete required courses in areas of Negotiations in Competitive Environments and Leadership Development. Courses topics include Strategic Human Resource Management, Organizational Change and Development, Managing projects, Technology Commercialization, Foundations of Entrepreneurship, Strategic Entrepreneurship, Creativity and Innovation, and Funding New Ventures.

Steps to Fulfill a Masters Program (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/academic-expectations-general-degree-requirements/#stepstofulfillagraduateprogramtext)

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Student's Advisory Committee

The MS degree in Entrepreneurial Leadership (ENLD) is a non-thesis degree. The student's advisory committee consists of the Director of MS-ENLD program and the Graduate Faculty representative, who is a faculty member in the Department of Management at Mays Business School. The Director and Faculty representative have the responsibility of approving the proposed degree plans for MS-ENLD students. When necessary, recommendations in cases of academic deficiency will be made to the Graduate and Professional School.

Degree Plan

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 deadline imposed by the student's college or interdisciplinary degree program, if applicable, and no later than 90 days prior to the date of the final oral examination or thesis defense.
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 or 685 course is only allowed for non-thesis option master's students. A zero credit 681 course can be used for either thesis or non-thesis option master's students. Other courses, including 691 research hours, are not eligible for zero credit.

4. Not more than 12 hours may be used in any combination of the following categories:
   - Not more than 8 hours in the combination of 691 (research), 684 (Professional Internship) or may be used.
   - Not more than 8 hours of 685 (Directed Studies) may be used.
   - Not more than 3 hours of 690 (Theory of Research) may be used.
   - Not more than 3 hours of 695 (Frontiers in Research) may be used.

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

9. Extension courses are not acceptable for credit.

10. For non-distance degree programs, no more than 50 percent of the credit hours required for the program may be completed through distance education courses.

11. To receive a graduate degree from Texas A&M University, students must earn one-third or more of the credits through the institution’s own direct instruction. This limitation also applies to joint degree programs.

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.

**Non-Thesis Option**

The Final Examination is not required for the Master of Science in Entrepreneurial Leadership.

A student pursuing the non-thesis option is not allowed to enroll in 691 (research) for any reason and 691 may not be used for credit toward a non-thesis option Master of Science degree. A maximum of 4 credit hours of 684 (Professional Internship), 8 credit hours of 685 (Directed Studies), and up to 3 credit hours of 690 (Theory of Research) or 695 (Frontiers in Research) may be used toward the non-thesis option Master of Science degree. In addition, any combination of 684, 685, 690 and 695 may not exceed 25 percent of the total credit hour requirement shown on the individual degree plan. All requirements for the non-thesis option Master of Science degree other than those specified above are the same as for the thesis option degree.

The department head or the chair of an intercollegiate faculty (if appropriate) for the program may approve an exception for a PhD student who changes to a non-thesis option MS degree program after at least one year of PhD studies to use 691 credits toward a non-thesis option Master of Science degree. The department head or chair of an intercollegiate faculty (if appropriate) for the program may approve an exception for a master’s student who changes from a MS thesis option degree to a MS non-thesis option degree program to use 691 credits toward a non-thesis option Master of Science degree. In both cases, the student is allowed to use a maximum of 8 credit hours of 685 and 691 combined. Departments, Colleges, and Interdisciplinary Degree Programs may opt to establish higher standards. Further any combination of 684, 685, 690, 691 and 695 may not exceed 25 percent of the total credit hour requirement shown on the individual degree plan. All requirements for the non-thesis option Master of Science degree other than those specified above are the same as for the thesis option degree.

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**Residence**

In partial fulfillment of the residence requirement for the degree of Master of Science, the student must complete 9 resident credit hours during one regular semester or one 10-week summer semester in resident study at Texas A&M University. Upon recommendation of the student’s advisory committee, department head or Chair of the Interdisciplinary Program, if appropriate, and with approval of the Graduate and Professional School, a student may be granted exemption from this requirement. Such a petition, however, must be approved prior to the student’s registration for the final 9 credit hours of required coursework.

Students who are employed full-time while completing their degree may fulfill total residence requirements by completion of less-than-full time course loads each semester. In order to be considered for this, the student is required to submit a Petition for Waivers and Exceptions along with verification of his/her employment to the Graduate and Professional School.

See Residence Requirements (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/academic-expectations-general-degree-requirements/degree-requirements/).

**Continuous Registration**

A student in the thesis option of the Master of Science program who has completed all coursework on his/her degree plan other than 691 (research) is required to be in continuous registration until all requirements for the degree have been completed. See Continuous Registration Requirements (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/academic-expectations-general-degree-requirements/registration-academic-status/).

**Time Limit**

All degree requirements must be completed within a period of seven consecutive years for the degree to be granted. A course will be considered valid until seven years after the end of the semester in which
it is taken. Graduate credit for coursework which is more than seven calendar years old at the time of the final examination (oral or written) may not be used to satisfy degree requirements.

A student who has chosen the thesis option must have the final corrected copies of the thesis cleared by the Graduate and Professional School within one year of the semester in which the final exam is taken, or a final exam exemption petition was approved. Exams taken in between terms will expire at the end of the term that ended prior to the exam. For example, a final exam taken and passed during the fall 2022 semester will expire at the end of the fall 2023 semester. A final exam taken in the time between the summer and fall 2022 semesters will expire at the end of the summer 2023 semester.

**Foreign Languages**

No specific language requirement exists for the Master of Science degree.

**Application for Degree**

For information on applying for your degree, please visit the Graduation (http://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/academic-expectations-general-degree-requirements/degree-requirements/#graduation) section.