MASTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION AND DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (HRSA) COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAM

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Master of Public Service and Administration

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Residence
A student must complete 12 credit hours in resident study at Texas A&M University to satisfy the residence requirement for the Master of Public Service and Administration degree.

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/).

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 may not be used to satisfy degree requirements.

Foreign Languages
A foreign language is not required for the Master of Public Service and Administration degree.

Internship or Practicum
During the summer between their first and second year, a student participates in a non-credit-bearing internship related to his/her career plans. The internship requirement can be waived if the student has at least two years of recent professional-level public service experience related to his/her career goals and to the 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.

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Residence
A student who enters the doctoral degree program with a baccalaureate degree must spend one academic year plus one semester in resident study at Texas A&M University. A student who holds master’s degree when he/she enters doctoral degree program must spend one academic year in resident study. One academic year may include two adjacent regular semesters or one regular semester and one adjacent 10-week summer semester. The third semester is not required to be adjacent to the one year. Enrollment for each semester must be a minimum of 9 credit hours each to satisfy the residence requirement.

To satisfy the residence requirement, the student must complete a minimum of 9 credit hours per semester or 10-week summer semester in resident study at Texas A&M University for the required period. A student who enters a doctoral degree program with a baccalaureate degree may fulfill residence requirements in excess of one academic year (18 credit hours) by registration during summer sessions or by completion of a less-than-full course load (in this context a full course load is considered 9 credit hours per semester).

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. An employee should submit verification of his/her employment with verification of his/her employment to the Graduate and Professional School. An employee should submit verification of his/her employment 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/registration-academic-status/).

Time Limit
All requirements for doctoral degrees must be completed within a period of ten consecutive calendar years for the degree to be granted. A course will be considered valid until 10 years after the end of the semester in which it is taken. Graduate credit for coursework more than ten calendar years old at the time of the final oral examination may not be used to satisfy degree requirements.

After passing the required preliminary oral and written examinations for a doctoral degree, the student must complete the final examination within four years of the semester in which the preliminary exam is taken. Exams
students from other states and countries who are currently charged
note that the tuition increases will apply to Texas residents as well as
will be charged tuition at a rate equivalent to out-of-state tuition. Please
after seven years of study, has accumulated 100 or more doctoral hours
Doctoral students at Texas A&M have seven years to complete their
100 or more semester credit hours of doctoral coursework.
Institutions of higher education are allowed to charge the equivalent of
non-resident tuition to a resident doctoral student who has enrolled in
99-Hour Cap on Doctoral Degrees
In Texas, public colleges and universities are funded by the state
according to the number of students enrolled. In accordance with
legislation passed by the Texas Legislature, the number of hours for
which state universities may receive subvention funding at the doctoral
rate for any individual is limited to 99 hours. Texas A&M and other
universities will not receive subvention for hours in excess of the limit.
Institutions of higher education are allowed to charge the equivalent of
non-resident tuition to a resident doctoral student who has enrolled in
100 or more semester credit hours of doctoral coursework.
Doctoral students at Texas A&M have seven years to complete their
degree before being charged out-of-state tuition. A doctoral student who,
after seven years of study, has accumulated 100 or more doctoral hours
will be charged tuition at a rate equivalent to out-of-state tuition. Please
note that the tuition increases will apply to Texas residents as well as
students from other states and countries who are currently charged
tuition at the resident rate. This includes those doctoral students who
hold GAT, GANT, and GAR appointments or recipients of competitive fellowships who receive more than $1,000 per semester. Doctoral
students who have not accumulated 100 hours after seven years of study
are eligible to pay in-state tuition if otherwise eligible.
Doctoral students who exceed the credit limit will receive notification
from the Graduate and Professional School during the semester in which they are enrolled and exceeding the limit in their current degree program. The notification will explain that the State of Texas does not provide funding for any additional hours in which a student is enrolled in excess of 99 hours. Texas A&M University will recover the lost funds by requiring students in excess of 99 hours to pay tuition at the non-funded, non-resident rate. This non-funded, non-resident tuition rate status will be updated for the following semester and in all subsequent semesters until receipt of a doctoral degree. Please see the Tuition Calculator (https://tuition.tamu.edu/) at the non-resident rate for an example of potential charges.
The following majors are exempt from the 99-Hour Cap on Doctoral Degrees and have a limit of 130 doctoral hours:

- Biochemistry
- Biomedical Sciences
- Clinical Psychology
- Counseling Psychology
- Epidemiology and Environmental Health
- Genetics and Genomics
- Health Services Research
- Medical Sciences
- Microbiology
- Neurosciences (School of Medicine)
- Nutrition
- Oral and Craniofacial Biomedical Sciences
- Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Public Health Sciences
- School Psychology
- Toxicology

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