Graduate and Professional Studies
at Texas A&M University

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New Graduate Student Orientation
Graduate Career Overview

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Office of Graduate and Professional Studies
- Colleges / Departments / Programs
Texas A&M offers three types of graduate and professional degrees:

1. Master’s degree program – Non-thesis option
   - Professional master’s programs (such as MBA, MARCH, MBIOT, MUP, etc.)
     - May be led by a Program Director and/or the Department Graduate Advisor
     - Advisory Committee
       - May be one standing committee for all students composed of the same faculty members, or
       - Only a committee chair

2. Doctoral degree programs (PhD, DE, EdD, Dr. Ph)
   - Master’s degree program – Thesis option
     - Advisory committee: committee chair, 2-3 members

3. First Professional Doctoral degree programs (MD, DDS, JD, DVM, PharmD)
Graduate Education

Significance of Graduate Experience
- Quality, scope, and extent of interaction

High Quality Experience
- Requires professional and ethical conduct of all participants

Mutual respect is critical

Advisor
Committee
Direction, Support, Oversight, Evaluation
Resources

Graduate and Professional Catalog
http://catalog.tamu.edu
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Office Descriptions

Office of Admissions- This office works with departments and programs to facilitate admissions decisions at the graduate level.  http://admissions.tamu.edu/

ISS (International Student Services)- This office works to facilitate the international student's transition to life in the United States and at Texas A&M, promote interactions between the US and international populations and provide services necessary to meet the special needs of international students.  
http://international.tamu.edu/iss/default.asp

Office of the Registrar- This office oversees registration.  In addition, they maintain the official academic calendar, academic records, and official transcripts.  http://registrar.tamu.edu/Default.aspx

Student Business Services- This office maintains student accounts and billing.  SBS assists students with loan and debt management.  http://finance.tamu.edu/sbs/

DARS (Data and Research Services)- This office works to “[improve] education through evaluation and assessment”.  They administer a variety of tests and surveys for TAMU, including the English Language Proficiency Exam.  http://dars.tamu.edu/

Scholarships & Financial Aid- This office tracks and coordinates all financial awards, including, but not limited to, grants, loans, waivers, work-study and on-campus student employment.  
http://financialaid.tamu.edu/
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Libraries- The library provides the academic community access to printed and electronic books, articles, media, scholarly journals and academic databases. The library also provides students access to technological resources. http://library.tamu.edu/

University Writing Center- This office provides services to help students improve writing and public speaking skills. Students may use their services for projects of any size. http://writingcenter.tamu.edu/

Student Affairs- This division, comprised of numerous diverse departments, provides services and support for the non-academic experience during students’ graduate careers. Some departments/offices include the GLBT Resource Center, Multicultural Services, Recreational Sports, Student Counseling Center, Memorial Student Center, Student Activities and Student Health Services. http://studentaffairs.tamu.edu/

Center for Teaching Excellence – This office provides opportunities for professional development in teaching and also oversees the Teaching Assistant Institute (TAI). http://cte.tamu.edu

Career Center- This office provides current and former students access to information about career opportunities. The Career Center also prepares students for their transition from academia to their career. http://careercenter.tamu.edu/

Association of Former Students- AFS encourages alumni to stay connected with Texas A&M and provides a number of activities to foster the relationship between Texas A&M and our students. AFS uses its fundraising activities to support quality education at Texas A&M. http://www.aggienetwork.com/