Graduate and Professional Studies
at Texas A&M University

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New Graduate Student Orientation
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Graduate Career Overview

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Career Center

Office of Graduate and Professional Studies
Colleges / Departments / Programs
Graduate Education

Graduate Student

Requirement of professional and ethical conduct of all participants

Quality, scope, and extent of interaction

Significance of Graduate Experience

High-Quality Experience

Mutual respect is critical

Advisor

Committee

Direction, Support, Oversight, Evaluation
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 programs – Thesis option
   - Advisory committee: committee chair, 2-3 faculty members

3. First Professional Doctoral degree programs (MD, DDS, JD, DVM, PharmD)
Office of Admissions- This office works with departments and programs to facilitate admissions decisions at the graduate level. [http://admissions.tamu.edu/](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](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](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/](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/](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/](http://financialaid.tamu.edu/)
Unit Descriptions

**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/](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/](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/](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](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/](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/](http://www.aggienetwork.com/)
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Graduate and Professional Catalog
http://catalog.tamu.edu
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