

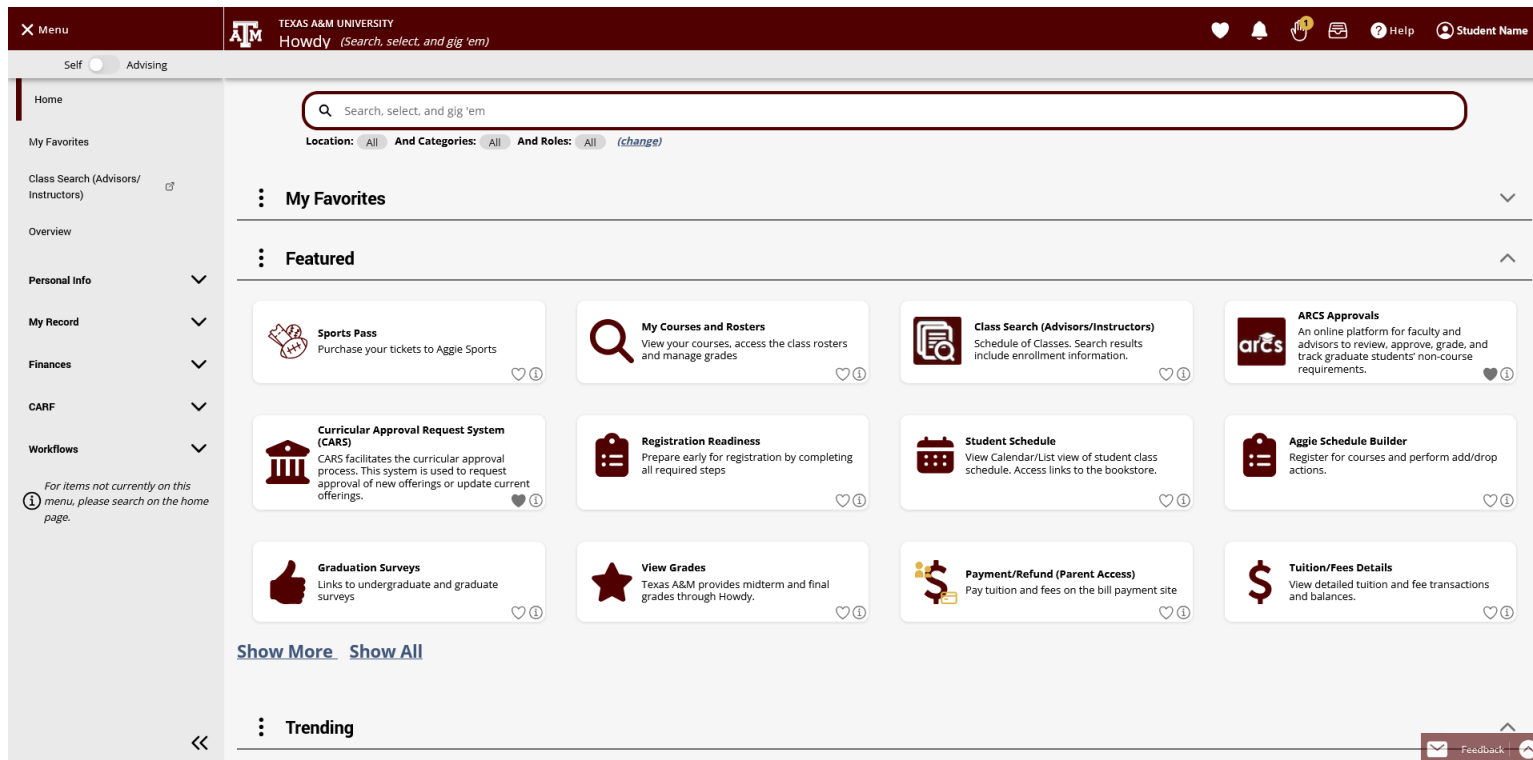
How to Check Degree Progress – Graduate Students

Students are encouraged to check their official degree progress to:

- 1) verify student eligibility for funding (tuition waivers, assistantships, fellowships, etc.);
- 2) evaluate progress to degree;
- 3) review the courses taken each semester and individual course grades;
- 4) verify completion of non-course degree requirements; and/or,
- 5) determine degree plan and cumulative GPA.

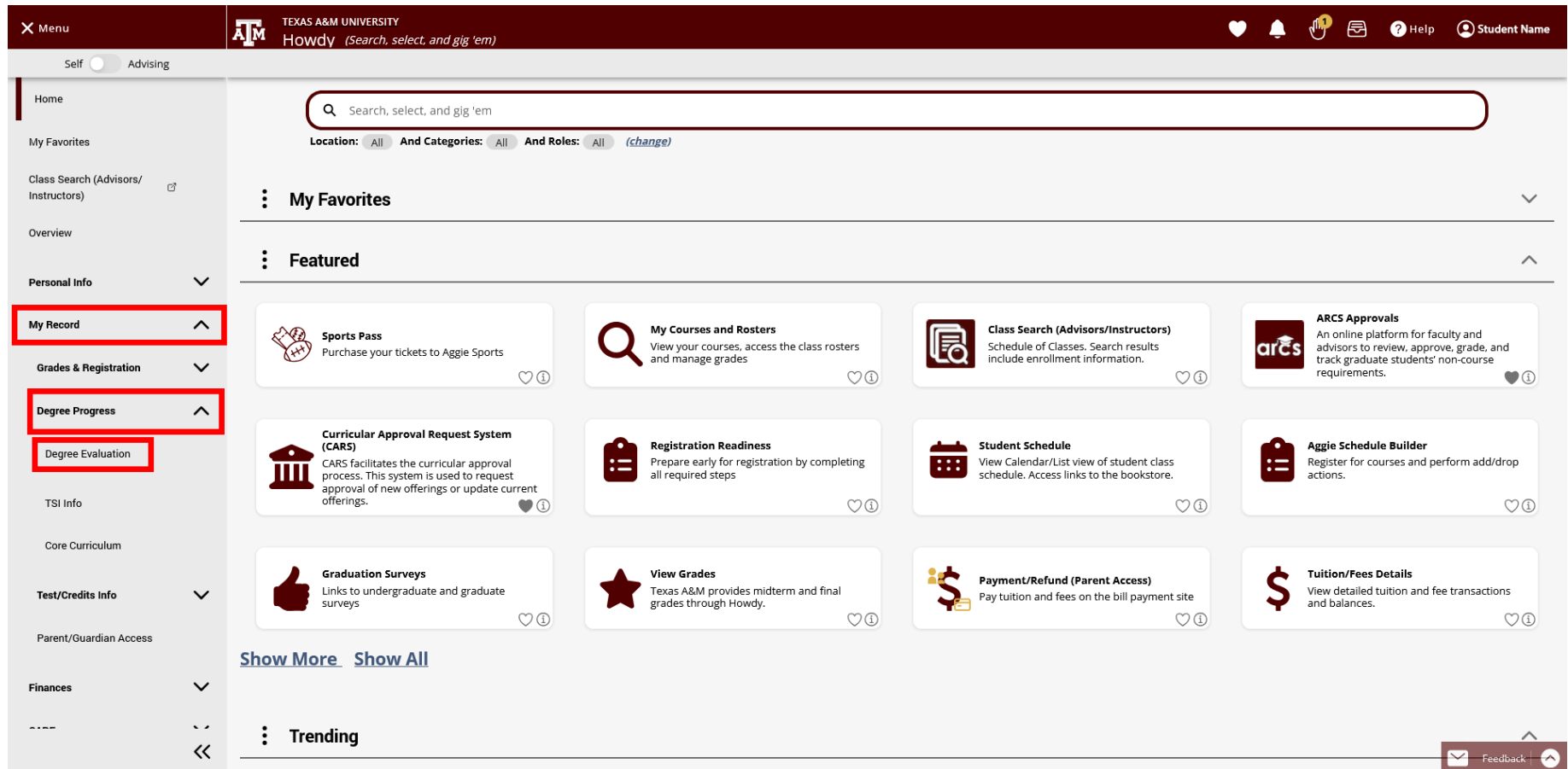
To run a degree evaluation to check on official degree progress, follow these steps:

1. Log onto your Howdy account at howdy.tamu.edu.



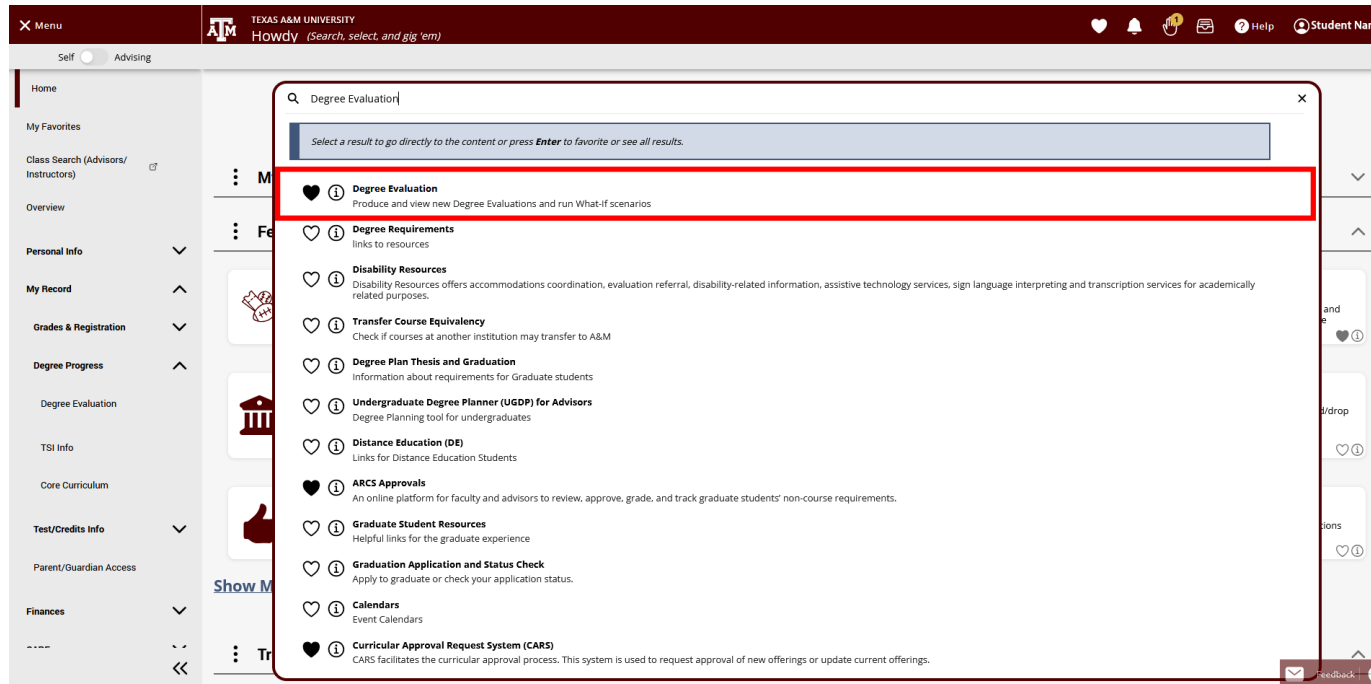
The screenshot displays the Howdy portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Texas A&M University logo and the text "Howdy (Search, select, and gig 'em)". Below this is a search bar and filter options for Location, Categories, and Roles. The main content area is divided into sections: "My Favorites", "Featured", and "Trending". The "Featured" section contains a grid of service tiles, each with an icon and a brief description. The tiles include: Sports Pass, My Courses and Rosters, Class Search (Advisors/Instructors), ARCS Approvals, Curricular Approval Request System (CARS), Registration Readiness, Student Schedule, Aggie Schedule Builder, Graduation Surveys, View Grades, Payment/Refund (Parent Access), and Tuition/Fees Details. A "Show More Show All" link is located below the grid. The left sidebar contains a menu with options: Home, My Favorites, Class Search (Advisors/Instructors), Overview, Personal Info, My Record, Finances, CARF, and Workflows. A note at the bottom of the sidebar states: "For items not currently on this menu, please search on the home page." The bottom right corner of the page features a "Feedback" button.

2. There are 3 ways to access the Degree evaluation.
 - a. The left side menu on Howdy:
 - Click "My Record"
 - Click "Degree Progress"
 - Click "Degree Evaluation"

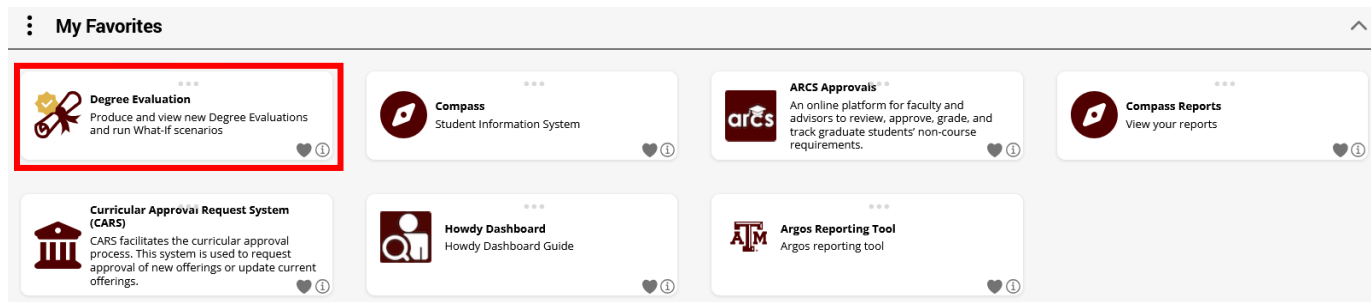


The screenshot shows the Howdy student portal interface. On the left sidebar, the following menu items are highlighted with red boxes: "My Record", "Degree Progress", and "Degree Evaluation". The main content area features a search bar at the top with the text "Search, select, and gig'em". Below the search bar, there are filters for "Location: All", "And Categories: All", and "And Roles: All (change)". The main content is organized into sections: "My Favorites", "Featured", and "Trending". The "Featured" section contains a grid of 12 service tiles, each with an icon, title, and brief description. The tiles include: "Sports Pass" (Purchase your tickets to Aggie Sports), "My Courses and Rosters" (View your courses, access the class rosters and manage grades), "Class Search (Advisors/Instructors)" (Schedule of Classes. Search results include enrollment information.), "ARCS Approvals" (An online platform for faculty and advisors to review, approve, grade, and track graduate students' non-course requirements.), "Curricular Approval Request System (CARS)" (CARS facilitates the curricular approval process. This system is used to request approval of new offerings or update current offerings.), "Registration Readiness" (Prepare early for registration by completing all required steps), "Student Schedule" (View Calendar/List view of student class schedule. Access links to the bookstore.), "Aggie Schedule Builder" (Register for courses and perform add/drop actions.), "Graduation Surveys" (Links to undergraduate and graduate surveys), "View Grades" (Texas A&M provides midterm and final grades through Howdy.), "Payment/Refund (Parent Access)" (Pay tuition and fees on the bill payment site), and "Tuition/Fees Details" (View detailed tuition and fee transactions and balances.). At the bottom of the "Featured" section, there are links for "Show More" and "Show All". A "Feedback" button is located in the bottom right corner of the interface.

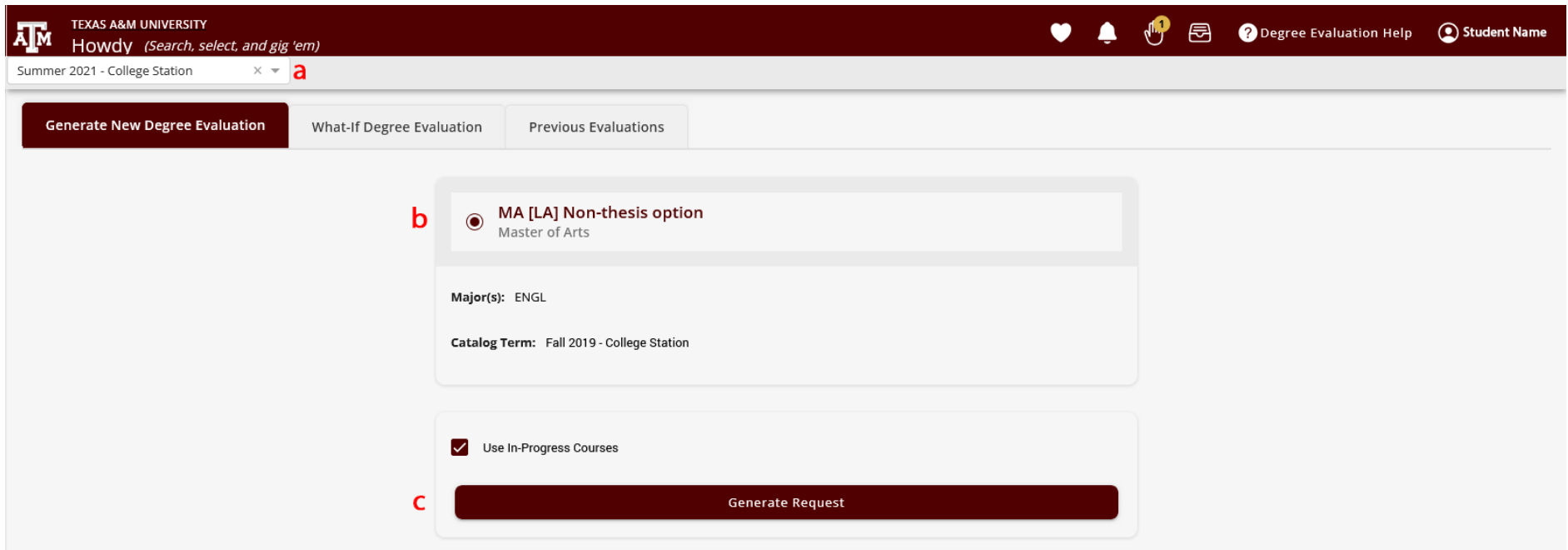
- b. The Search bar
 - Search for Degree Evaluation



- c. Favorites
 - Select the Heart Icon on the Degree Evaluation Card and it will appear in the My Favorites tab on the home page.

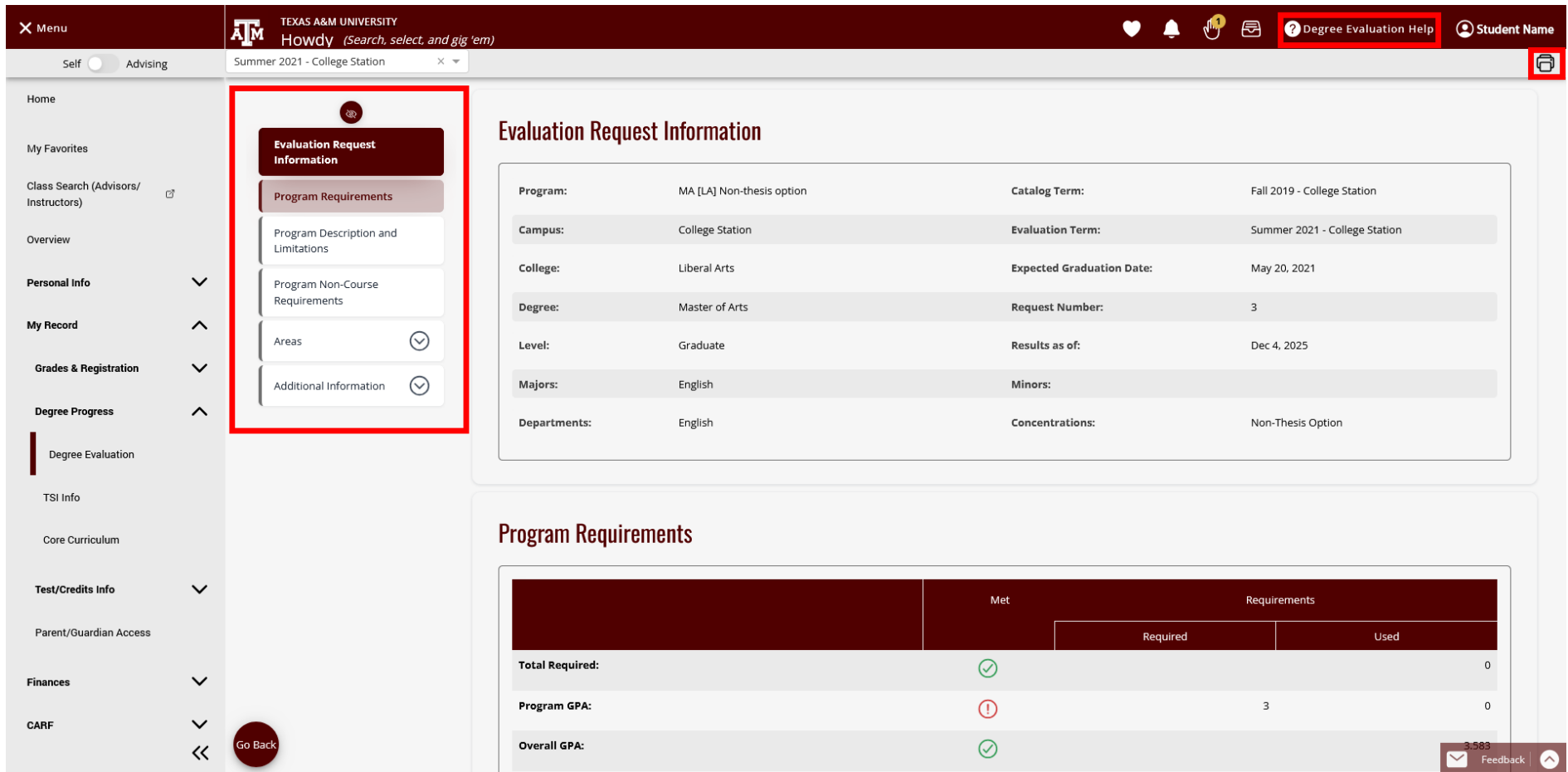


3. Select Generate New Degree Evaluation.
4. All programs associated with your account will appear.
 - a. Verify that the Selected term is the current term.
 - b. Select the radial button for the program you want to view.
 - c. Press Generate Request.



The screenshot shows the 'Generate New Degree Evaluation' page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Texas A&M logo, the text 'TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY', and a search bar containing 'Howdy'. To the right of the search bar are icons for a heart, a bell, a hand with a notification bubble, an envelope, a question mark, and a user profile labeled 'Student Name'. Below the navigation bar is a dropdown menu showing 'Summer 2021 - College Station' and a red letter 'a'. The main content area has three tabs: 'Generate New Degree Evaluation' (highlighted in dark red), 'What-If Degree Evaluation', and 'Previous Evaluations'. Under the 'Generate New Degree Evaluation' tab, there is a list of programs. The first program is 'MA [LA] Non-thesis option' (Master of Arts), which is selected with a radio button labeled 'b'. Below this program, the 'Major(s)' is listed as 'ENGL' and the 'Catalog Term' is 'Fall 2019 - College Station'. Below the program list, there is a checkbox labeled 'Use In-Progress Courses' which is checked. At the bottom of the page, there is a dark red button labeled 'Generate Request' with a red letter 'c' next to it.

5. The following screen will appear. The top of the degree evaluation has:
 - a. Degree Evaluation Help button for detailed information about using the Degree Evaluation
 - b. The Printer button in the top right allows you to download a PDF copy of the degree evaluation
 - c. The Section buttons on the left allow you to automatically scroll down to the selected section.



The screenshot displays the Degree Evaluation Request Information page. The top header includes the Texas A&M University logo, the text 'Howdy (Search, select, and gig 'em)', and navigation icons for Home, Advising, and Degree Evaluation Help. The left sidebar contains a menu with sections like Home, My Favorites, Class Search, Overview, Personal Info, My Record, Grades & Registration, Degree Progress, Degree Evaluation, TSI Info, Core Curriculum, Test/Credits Info, Parent/Guardian Access, Finances, and CARF. The main content area is titled 'Evaluation Request Information' and contains a table with the following data:

Program:	MA [LA] Non-thesis option	Catalog Term:	Fall 2019 - College Station
Campus:	College Station	Evaluation Term:	Summer 2021 - College Station
College:	Liberal Arts	Expected Graduation Date:	May 20, 2021
Degree:	Master of Arts	Request Number:	3
Level:	Graduate	Results as of:	Dec 4, 2025
Majors:	English	Minors:	
Departments:	English	Concentrations:	Non-Thesis Option

Below this table is the 'Program Requirements' section, which includes a table with columns for 'Met', 'Required', and 'Used'.

	Met	Required	Used
Total Required:	✓		0
Program GPA:	!	3	0
Overall GPA:	✓		

The bottom right corner of the page features a 'Feedback' button with a '3,583' count and a 'Go Back' button in the bottom left corner.

6. Evaluation Request Information

- a. Contains information about the program that the degree evaluation was ran for
- b. NOTE: The Expected Graduation Date is a date chosen at the time of admission based on the average time to degree. It does not update as courses are taken.

Evaluation Request Information

Program:	MFM [BA] Non-Thesis, No Final	Catalog Term:	Summer 2024 - College Station
Campus:	College Station	Evaluation Term:	Fall 2025 - College Station
College:	Mays Business School	Expected Graduation Date:	May 20, 2026
Degree:	Master of Financial Management	Request Number:	2
Level:	Graduate	Results as of:	Dec 4, 2025
Majors:	Financial Management	Minors:	
Departments:	Finance	Concentrations:	Non-Thesis Option, No Final

7. Program Requirements

- a. Program and Overall GPA: Must be above 3 for graduation.
- b. Transfer: shows total number of approved hours that have been transferred from other institutions.
- c. In Progress: Shows the number of credit hours that the student is currently registered for

Program Requirements

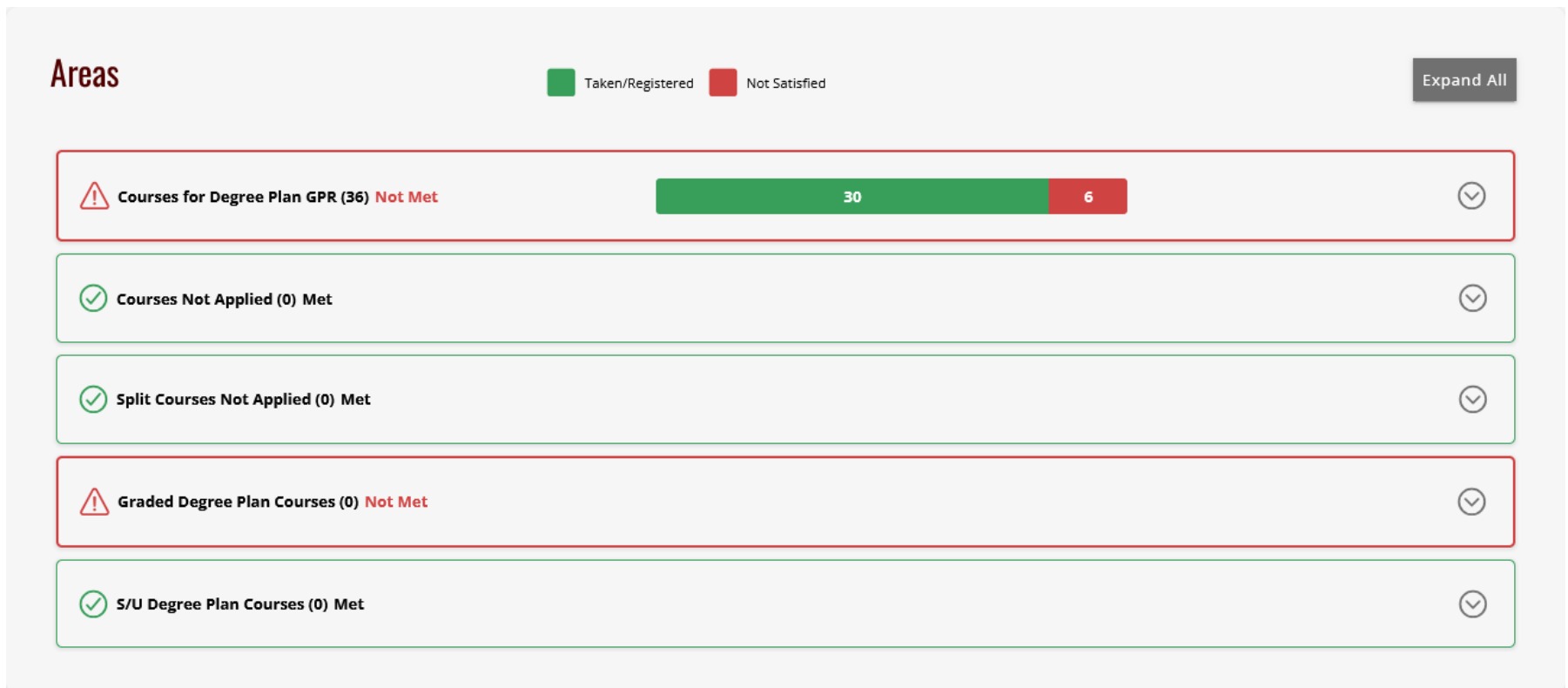
	Met	Requirements	
		Required	Used
Total Required:	✓		36
Program GPA:	✓	3	GPA
Overall GPA:	✓		GPA
Other Course Information:			
Transfer:			0
In Progress:			9.000

8. Further down the page, information about Non-Course Requirements is shown
 - a. These can include:
 - Degree Plan, Proposal, Preliminary Examinations, Residency, Final Examination/Defense, Thesis/Dissertation, and others.
 - b. For more information about each non-course requirement, please view your program’s page in [the Graduate and Professional catalog](#).

Program Non-Course Requirements






Program Non-Course Requirements - Not Met				
Met	Description	Year Limit	Status	Status Date
	Doctoral Degree Plan		Approved	Jun 25, 2024
	Preliminary Examination	4		
	Doctoral Research Proposal			
	Doctoral Residence Req		Completed	Dec 18, 2024
	Admission to Candidacy			
	Doctoral Defense	1		
	Dissertatn/Rec of Study			

- 9. 5 different areas are housed in the Areas section. See the bullet points mentioned in parentheses for details about each area.
 - a. Courses for Degree Plan GPR (11)
 - b. Courses Not Applied (12)
 - c. Split Courses Not Applied (12)
 - d. Graded Degree Plan Courses (10)
 - e. S/U Degree Plan Courses (10)
- 10. Click the Expand Areas button to open all areas or click on an area to expand only it.



Areas Expand All

■ Taken/Registered ■ Not Satisfied

Area	Taken/Registered	Not Satisfied	Status
 Courses for Degree Plan GPR (36) Not Met	30	6	Not Met
 Courses Not Applied (0) Met	0	0	Met
 Split Courses Not Applied (0) Met	0	0	Met
 Graded Degree Plan Courses (0) Not Met	0	0	Not Met
 S/U Degree Plan Courses (0) Met	0	0	Met



11. Courses for Degree Plan GPR

- a. This section contains all courses that are listed on the Degree Plan.
- b. (36) indicates total number of credit hours listed on the degree plan.
- c. The progress bar will change from red to green as courses are registered for and completed. 30 credit hours are accounted for on this degree evaluation.
- d. The left set of columns refers to the courses that were put on the Degree Plan.
- e. Met Column:
 - A green check mark indicates completion: ✓
 - A red exclamation mark indicates a missing requirement: ⚠
- f. The right side shows all courses that have been registered for that correlate to degree requirements on the left side.
 - Includes Term Information, Course Number, Course Title, Credit Hours, Final Grade, Course Status.
 - Source column: R indicates that the course is currently registered for. H indicates that the course was completed
 - This image has placeholder grades of A,B,C,S in each completed course.
- g. Total Credits and GPA
 - First number indicates total credit hours of acceptable grades/registered courses in the area.
 - GPA of all courses on the degree plan. Must be above 3 to graduate.


Met	Condition	Rule	Requirements	Term	Course	Title	Attribute	Credits	Grade	Source
⚠			FINC 689 3hrs							
✓			FINC 628 3hrs	202431	FINC 628	VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTING		3	A,B,C,S	H
✓			FINC 631 3hrs	202431	FINC 631	ENERGY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT		3	A,B,C,S	H
✓			FINC 646 3hrs	202431	FINC 646	TECHNICAL ANALYSIS FINCL MKTS		3	A,B,C,S	H
✓			FINC 658 3hrs	202531	FINC 658	ENERGY TRADING		3		R
✓			FINC 661 3hrs	202331	FINC 661	TRADING RISK MANAGEMENT		3	A,B,C,S	H
✓			FINC 665 3hrs	202431	FINC 665	DERIVATIVE SECURITIES		3	A,B,C,S	H
✓			FINC 684 3hrs	202511	FINC 684	PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIP: IN-AB		3	A,B,C,S	H
✓			GEOL 617 3hrs	202331	GEOL 617	INTRO PETROLEUM INDUSTRY		3	A,B,C,S	H
✓			HORT 416 3hrs	202331	HORT 416	UNDERSTANDING WINE		3	A,B,C,S	H
✓			MGMT 639 3hrs	202431	MGMT 639	NEGOTIA IN COMPETITIVE ENVIRNS		3	A,B,C,S	H
Total Credits and GPA								30	GPA	

12. Courses Not Applied / Split Courses Not Applied

- a. These are areas where courses that are NOT currently being used towards the degree plan are stored
- b. Split Courses Not Applied contains hours in excess of a requirement in the first area
 - Example: Student registered for 3 hours of CHEN 685 but listed only 1 hour of CHEN 685 on their degree plan. The 2 excess hours would appear in this area.

 **Courses Not Applied (0) Met** 

Description: See Graduate Committee Chair or Graduate Advisor for acceptable changes to degree plan coursework.

Met	Condition	Rule	Requirements	Term	Course	Title	Attribute	Credits	Grade	Source
		A.	Additional Unused Courses	202531	FINC 685	DIRECTED STUDIES		3		R
				202531	FINC 685	DIRECTED STUDIES		3		R
				202431	FINC 685	DIRECTED STUDIES		0	A,B,C,S	H
				202421	FINC 685	DIRECTED STUDIES		0	A,B,C,S	H
Total Credits and GPA								6	GPA	

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13. Graded Degree Plan Courses / S/U Degree Plan Courses

- These areas host the coursework requirements on the degree plan in two sections, based on the grading mode.
- These sections only allow acceptable grades to fill in.
- Courses with grades of D, F, X, or I will not appear in these areas, even if they appear in the Courses for Degree Plan GPR area.

Graded Degree Plan Courses (0) Not Met ⬆										
Description: A grade of C or better is required in all courses listed.										
Met	Condition	Rule	Requirements	Term	Course	Title	Attribute	Credits	Grade	Source
			FINC 689 3hrs							
			FINC 628 3hrs	202431	FINC 628	VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTING		3	A,B,C	H
			FINC 631 3hrs	202431	FINC 631	ENERGY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT		3	A,B,C	H
			FINC 646 3hrs	202431	FINC 646	TECHNICAL ANALYSIS FINCL MKTS		3	A,B,C	H
			FINC 658 3hrs	202531	FINC 658	ENERGY TRADING		3		R
			FINC 661 3hrs	202331	FINC 661	TRADING RISK MANAGEMENT		3	A,B,C	H
			FINC 665 3hrs	202431	FINC 665	DERIVATIVE SECURITIES		3	A,B,C	H
			GEOL 617 3hrs	202331	GEOL 617	INTRO PETROLEUM INDUSTRY		3	A,B,C	H
			HORT 416 3hrs	202331	HORT 416	UNDERSTANDING WINE		3	A,B,C	H
			MGMT 639 3hrs	202431	MGMT 639	NEGOTIA IN COMPETITIVE ENVIRNS		3	A,B,C	H
Total Credits and GPA								27	GPA	

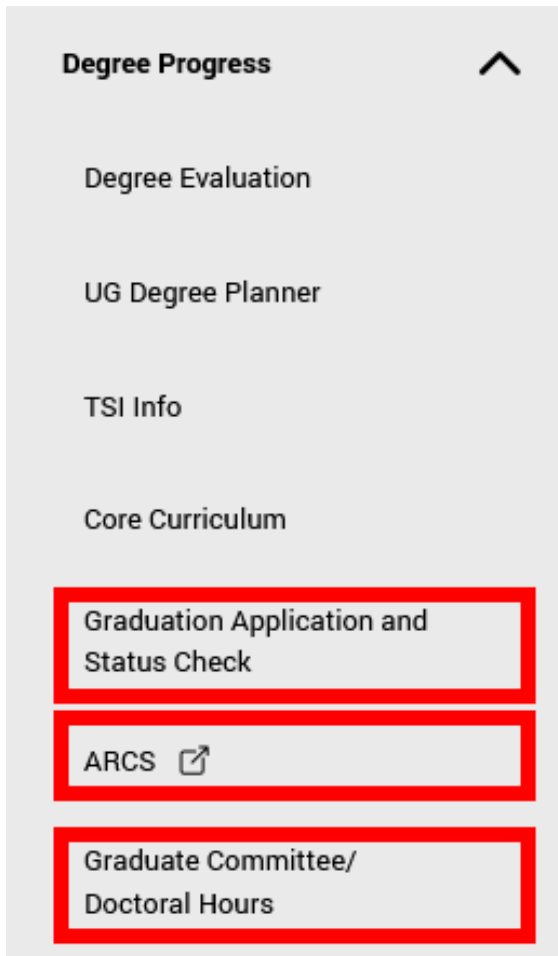
S/U Degree Plan Courses (0) Met ⬆										
Description: A grade of S is required in all courses listed.										
Met	Condition	Rule	Requirements	Term	Course	Title	Attribute	Credits	Grade	Source
			FINC 684 3hrs	202511	FINC 684	PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIP: IN-AB		3	S	H
Total Credits and GPA								3	0.000	

14. Additional Information:

- a. This section has additional information about courses that have been taken by the student, in the following categories:
 - “In-Progress Courses” lists courses that you are currently registered for
 - Courses Not Used lists all courses that are not counting towards the degree plan. This category includes any courses that were used to earn a previous degree.
 - “Course Attributes Not Used” Lists all courses that are not counting towards the degree plan with a brief description of why those courses are not counting
 - Program Restricted Subjects and Attributes shows the current number of distance education credits on your degree plan and the current maximum distance credits allowable. This restriction only applies to in-person programs.

Additional Information Expand All

- In-Progress Courses** ⌵
- Courses Not Used** ⌵
- Course Attributes Not Used** ⌵
- Program Restricted Subjects and Attributes** ⌵



15. Other Tools:

- b. ARCS shows the status of your non-course requirements.
- c. Graduation Status Check will allow you to view the status of your graduation. If you have an active graduation application in a term, the degree will appear as “Sought.” It will become “Conferred” once you have cleared the final degree audit.
- d. Graduate Committee/Doctoral Hours shows which faculty members are officially on the committee as established on the degree plan and shows how many doctoral-level hours you have completed (if applicable).