

Academic Calendars, Resources & Processing Timelines

Spring 2017 New Graduate Advisor Workshop

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Academic Calendars

Calendars & Deadlines

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Click here for instructions on how to subscribe.

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Full Calendar

View Calendar | Add to Calendar | RSS Feed (term specific calendar subscriptions below)

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Master's Thesis Option Dates & Deadlines

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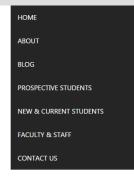
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Academic Calendars (con't)

Calendars & Deadlines

- Year-round Calendars
 - Full Calendar
 - Doctoral Dates & Deadlines
- Term Calendars
 - Fall 2016
 - All Dates & Deadlines
 - Master's Non-Thesis
 - Master's Thesis
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 - All Dates & Deadlines
 - Summer 2017
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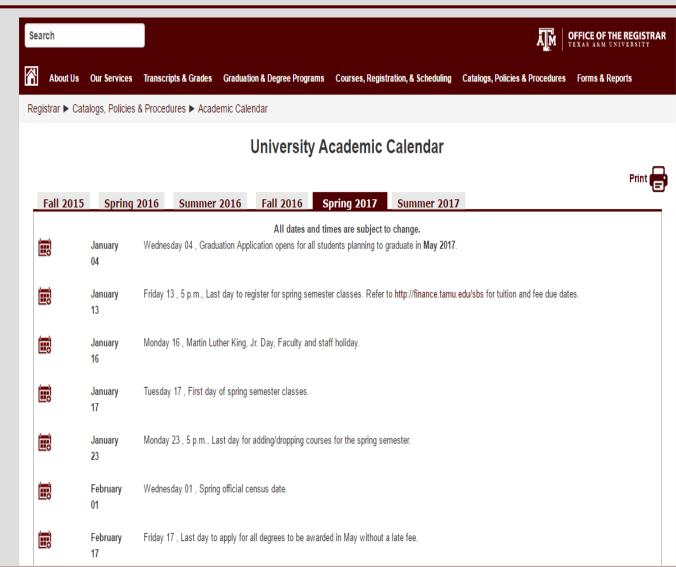
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- Calendars & Deadlines
 - University Academic Calendar
 - Maintained by the Office Of The Registrar
 - Provides all major deadlines for each semester

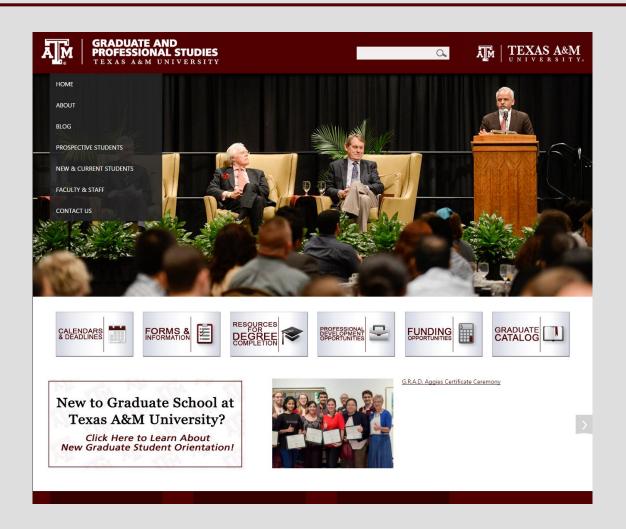
http://registrar.tamu.edu/Catalogs,-Policies-Procedures/Academic-Calendar





Resources: OGAPS Website

- ogaps.tamu.edu
 - Calendars & Deadlines
 - Forms & Information
 - Resources for DegreeCompletion
 - Professional DevelopmentOpportunities
 - Funding Opportunities
 - Graduate Catalog





Resources: Forms and Information

- Forms and Information
 - Student Forms and Information
 - Academic Process Forms
 - DPSS
 - Preliminary Exam Forms
 - Proposal Approval Forms
 - Request for Final Exam/Exemption
 - Thesis/Dissertation Forms
 - Approval Form
 - Copyright and Availability
 - Surveys

FORMS AND INFORMATION

You must obtain all required signatures on any form that you submit to OGAPS. If one of the required signers is unavailable, each program has additional faculty members who are authorized signers for that program. Please check with that program's graduate office to determine who may sign. Additionally, OGAPS will accept scanned copies of signatures for most documents. At a minimum, if the form has a place for the Department Head or Interdisciplinary Program Chair to sign, that signature must be original. If your form does not require this signature, then the committee chair's signature must be original.

Student Forms and Information

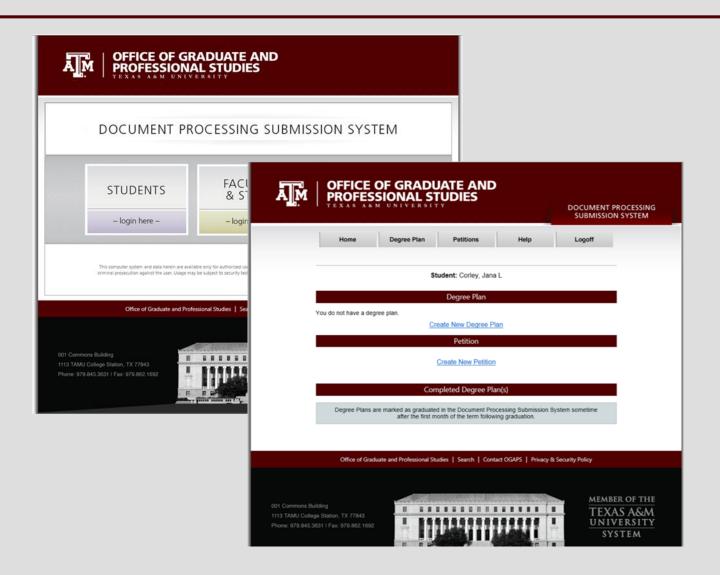
Academic Process Forms

- <u>Document Processing Submission System (DPSS)</u>
- <u>Preliminary Examination Checklist and Report</u> (PDF)
- Request for Final Examination (PDF)
- Request for Exemption from Final Examination (PDF)
- Request for Letter of Completion (PDF)



Resources: DPSS

- http://ogsdpss.tamu.edu
- Degree Plans
- Petitions
 - Committee Change
 - Coursework Change
 - MDD
 - Waivers/Exceptions
 - Time Limits





Resources: Graduate Catalog

Graduate Catalog

- http://catalog.tamu.edu/
 - The Graduate and Professional Catalog provides information about the academic programs of Texas A&M University to students, prospective students, faculty and staff of the University. While every effort has been made to make the catalog as complete and accurate as possible, changes may occur at any time in requirements, deadlines, fees, curricula and courses listed in these catalogs.
 - The provisions of the catalog do not constitute a contract, express or implied, between any applicant, student, faculty or staff member of Texas A&M University or The Texas A&M University System. The catalog is for informational purposes only. The University reserves the right to change or alter any statement herein without prior notice. The catalog should not be interpreted to allow a student who begins his or her education under the catalog to continue the program under the provisions in that catalog.

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL CATALOG

Home > Graduate and Professional Catalog

The Texas A&M University Graduate and Professional Catalog, published annually, provides information about the graduate and professional studies programs of Texas A&M University to students, prospective students, and faculty and staff of the university. Included is information concerning requirements for admission to graduate and professional studies at the university, services available to students, graduate and professional course offerings and listings of the administrative officers and the graduate faculty.

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APPENDICES



Timeline/Milestones

Doctoral Degree Requirements*

* Requirements may vary within specific degree



Master's (Thesis Option) Degree Requirements*



Master's (Non-Thesis Option) Degree Requirements*





Timelines/Milestone

Additional Requirements

Residency

English Language

Continuous Registration

Time Limits

- Doctoral Students:
 - Master's degree: one academic year
 - Bachelor's degree: one academic year plus one semester
- Master's Students: differs between programs
- Must be verified
- To teach, must be certified

- Required to be in continuous registration until all degree requirements have been completed for Thesis option and Doctoral.
- Coursework: 10 years-doctoral, 7 years-masters
- Preliminary Exam: 4 years
- Final Exam: 1 year



Degree Plan

- Degree Plans should be submitted as soon as possible after beginning program at TAMU
 - Each degree/program have different deadlines for Degree Plan to be submitted before blocked from registration
- Degree Plans submitted in DPSS with assistance from Department.
- Department will review and approve or reject Degree Plan before OGAPS will process

- Changes to Degree Plan
 Coursework added via petition in DPSS
- Transfer Credit
 - Not applied to previous degree
 - Graded courses with a grade of B or higher only
 - No research or internship courses

** All transcripts need to be with the Office of Admissions**



Preliminary Exam

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In order to be eligible to take their Prelim Exam students must:

- Be registered in the semester they take the exam
- Must have an approved degree plan on file
- Have an overall and degree plan GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Be a U.S. citizen or have met their ELP requirements
- Student must have no more than 6 hours of course work (not including 691s) remaining at the end of the semester

ĀM Office of Graduate and Professional Studies PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION CHECKLIST The student is responsible for completing this checklist before the preliminary exam is scheduled. This checklist must accompany the report of the exam results (using the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies (OGAPS) form, "Report of Preliminary Exam"). The student should initial each appropriate blank indicating that the specified criterion has been satisfied, or where appropriate, been waived. Failure to satisfy the listed criteria will result in the given exam being disallowed in which case it will need to be retaken. UIN# Student's Signature Registered for semester or 5-week term during which the exam occurs. (If the entire exam is between semesters, then the student must have been registered for the preceding term.) Student has an approved degree plan, which was filed at least 90 days prior to the first written 3. GPR over all eligible courses since beginning graduate work at Texas A&M is greater than or equal to 3.000 as indicated in the degree evaluation in Howdy. (Includes 300 and 400 level courses taken while in a graduate program but does not include transfer courses.) 4.

GPR over all courses on the degree plan (excluding transfer courses) is greater than or equal to 3.000 as indicated in the degree evaluation in Howdy. 5b. Non-US Citizen who has satisfied at least one of the following: (a) a TOEFL score of at least 550 paper based/213 computer based/80 internet, (b) a GRE-verbal score of at least 400, (c) IELTS score of 6, (d) a GMAT-verbal score of at least 22, (e) satisfactorily passed or waived all portions of the ELPE, or (f) obtained an OGAPS Waiver. 6. All committee members, have scheduled or waived the written portion and agreed to attend the oral portion of the exam or found a substitute. Only one substitute is allowed: there may not be a substitute for the chair. At the end of the semester in which the exam is given, there are no more than 6 hours of course work remaining on degree plan. (Does not include 691s) If no, waiver approved by Department Head: 8. The time span from the first written to the oral is approximately three weeks. In cases of department-wide written examinations, this criterion is ignored. If no, waiver approved by Department Head: Advisory Committee Chair Department Head OR Intercollegiate Faculty Chair Last Revised: 6/12/2014

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Preliminary Exam (con't)

After the Exam, both the Report <u>and</u>
Checklist need to be submitted to
OGAPS. Please make sure the following
information is filled out:

- Student Name
- UIN
- Number of Votes
- Date
- Signatures from all Committee members

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Proposal

Office of Graduate and Professional Studies

- Reasonably detailed outline of dissertation research project
- Signatures from all committee members, department head, and yourself
- Attach your research proposal in full
- Should be submitted at least 20 working days prior to the Request for Final Examination

PROPOSAL APPROVAL PAGE FOR THESIS, DISSERTATION, OR RECORD OF STUDY Full proposal should be attached I submit for approval the following research proposal for my: thesis dissertation record of study Verification of research regulatory compliance: Check each category below if included in any research to be reported in the final document and provide the requested protocol or permit numbers, if relevant. The student's name must be included on any required IRB or IACUC protocols and/or the IBC permit. This is not an all-inclusive list of all possible required compliance approvals, so check the website* below for full information. If you checked yes at left: Provide the IRB protocol #: Human subjects, including survey data Human tissue/cell lines Provide the IRB protocol #: Protected health information (human subjects) Provide the IRB protocol #: Provide the IACUC protocol # Recombinant DNA/transgenic animals, plants Agents infectious to humans, animals or plants *Additional information can be obtained at http://rcb.tannu.edu (click on "Obtain Approval" link) or by calling the Office of Research Compliance and Biosafety, Division of Research, at 979.458.1467 Approval Recommended **Chair Student's I.D. Number Dept. Student's Name Dept. Student's Signature (Member) Dept. Student's Email Dept. Student's Mailing Address (Member) Name Date of Approval: (Member) For the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies ** (Department head OR Intercollegiate Faculty Chair) ** I certify that all research compliance requirements have been addressed prior to submission of this proposal Last Revised: 9/20/2013

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Admission to Candidacy

- Degree plan GPR of at least 3.0
- Graduate GPR of at least 3.0
- Passed Preliminary Exam
- Approved Dissertation Proposal
- Completed all graded course work on degree plan
- Met Residency Requirement

FOR OFFICE OF GRADUATE	AND PROF	ESSIONAL STUDIES USE ONLY
1. Residence requirement complete:	Yes ——	No
2. Research proposal approved:	Yes	No
3. Formal course work completed:	Yes	No
4. Other course work remaining:		
May be admitted to candidacy upon con	pletion of ite	em(s):



Final Exam/Defense

- The Request for Final
 Examination should be
 submitted at least 10 working
 days prior to date of the exam
- Original signatures from the chair and department head are required
- All changes to Degree Plan must be submitted prior to Final Exam

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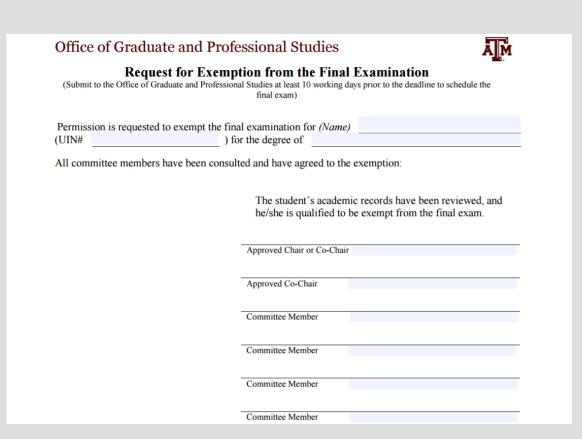
- Requirements to be eligible for Final Exam
 - Cumulative and Degree Plan
 GPAs 3.0 or higher
 - Admitted to candidacy
 - No D, F, or U grades on Degree
 Plan
 - ELP requirements satisfied
 - Students can only have I, X, or be registered for S/U courses

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Final Exam Cont'd

- Requirements for Final Exam Exemption
 - MS THO must have 3.5 degree plan GPA and a 3.0 cumulative GPA





Thesis & Dissertation

- Required by deadline in graduation semester:
 - Submit PDF dissertation to http://etd.tamu.edu
 - Signed Written
 Thesis/Dissertation Approval
 Form to OGAPS

	WRITTEN DISSERTATION (Ph RECORD OF STUDY (Ed.D, D.En.)		
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Thesis & Dissertation

Other Forms:

- Copyright and Availability
- Copyright Permissions (if needed)
- Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED) & AAUDE Survey (Doctoral Only)

Clearance Requirements:

- Complete all requested corrections
- Apply for graduation
- Register for Semester
- Pass final exam
- Submit all required forms



Thesis & Dissertation – Kinds of Corrections

We are looking for patterns of problems as well as consistency.

Common corrections include:

- Page numbering
- Page size
- Margins
- Organizational style

- Word agreement between the Table Of Content, List Of Figures and List Of Tables and the text
- Heading inconsistency
- Reference inconsistency



Thesis & Dissertation-How long will it take?

- 1st review: 3 days-3 weeks
- Once review is completed, student and chair will receive an email.
- Upload corrected file
- Corrections are usually reviewed within 10 working days
- Students have an average of 2 rounds of corrections
- Plan on 4-6 weeks from submission to clearance



Thesis & Dissertation Resources

- Pre-Submittal Conferences
 - Face to Face
 - Online
- Thesis and Dissertation Manual
- Templates
 - Word
 - LaTeX
- eCampus Community
 - Turnitin

Fall 2016



THESIS & DISSERTATION MANUAL

Instructions Concerning the Preparation of Electronic Theses, Dissertations, and Records of Study (ETDs)

Office of Graduate and Professional Studies Thesis & Dissertation Services http://ogaps.tamu.edu

(979)845-3631



Thesis & Dissertation – Early Clearance

- System opens for following semester to add/drop deadline in new semester.
- If thesis/dissertation clears, then for OGAPS purposes, you do not have to be registered for the semester.
- Short time period and a small number of documents clear.
- After thesis/dissertation clears, you can request a Letter of Completion from OGAPS.



Any Questions?

Contact us at:

Graduate Records Processing

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