

11.99.99.R0.17 **Residency Requirements for Graduate Programs**



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Procedure Summary

The Graduate Council establishes basic standards for residency requirements for graduate programs at East Texas A&M University (the University).

This procedure documents the requirements for residency for graduate programs.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1 Master's/Specialist Degree.

A minimum of two-thirds of the semester credit hours applied to a master's degree must be taken from the University. Students should check with their academic department for any additional residency requirements.

2 Doctoral Degree.

The purpose of residency is to enhance the professional development of doctoral students. Each department is responsible for the development of a residency plan that is consistent with the Texas Administration Code rule for *New Doctoral Programs*; as may be amended from time to time, and is developed with the professional standards of the discipline in mind. The residency plans are applicable to all new and current doctoral programs. Each department will develop a residency plan that includes:

2.1 Specific strategies that will provide students:

- 2.1.1 Opportunities for significant, sustained, and regular interaction between faculty and students, and among students themselves;
- 2.1.2 Opportunities to access and engage in depth a wide variety of educational resources related to the degree program and associated fields;
- 2.1.3 Opportunities for significant exchange of knowledge with the academic community;
- 2.1.4 Opportunities to broaden educational and cultural perspectives; and
- 2.1.5 Opportunities to mentor and evaluate students in depth.

2.2 Activities and experiences expected of the doctoral student to fulfill the requirements in Section 2.1.

- 3 The departmental plan will be submitted through the Dean of the College and the Dean of the Graduate School for review and submission to the Provost for approval.
- 4 Each department will determine the successful completion of residency and will maintain documentation of successful completion for each student.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

Texas Administrative Code, [*Rule 5.46 Criteria for New Doctoral Programs*](#)

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