11.04.99.R0.17 Residency Requirements for Graduate Programs

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Procedure Statement

The Graduate Council establishes basic standards for residency requirements for graduate programs at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Reason for Procedure

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 course work applied to a master’s degree must be taken from A&M-Commerce. 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 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools guidelines for residency and that is developed with the professional standards of the discipline in mind. Each department will develop a residency plan that includes:

2.1 Specific strategies that will provide students:

2.1.1 Opportunities to become involved in events to broaden their intellectual growth;

2.1.2 Access to a range of academic support resources required for scholarship in that discipline (i.e., research library, data processing access);
2.1.3 Opportunities for faculty and student interactions that include the development of a mentoring-apprentice relationship and for faculty evaluation of students;

2.1.4 Involvement with cognate disciplines and research scholars in those disciplines; and

2.1.5 Occasions for meaningful peer interactions among graduate students.

2.2 Activities and experiences expected of the doctoral student to fulfill these requirements.

2.3 Each department will determine the successful completion of residency and will maintain documentation of successful completion for each student.

3 The departmental plan will be submitted through the Dean of the College and the Dean for Graduate Studies to the Graduate Council for review and submission to the Provost for approval.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

System Policy 11.04 Admissions Standards

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