

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 Texas A&M University-Commerce.

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 the Texas Administration Code rule for *New Doctoral Programs*; 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 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 of the Graduate School for review and submission to the Provost for approval.
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Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

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

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