Graduate Programs
Graduate Academic and Degree Requirements

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The following general academic requirements apply to all graduate programs. Requirements that apply specifically to the master’s degree or to the doctoral degree are discussed later in this chapter. More detailed information about the requirements for individual degree programs may be found in the sections pertaining to those programs.

Graduation Under a Particular Catalog

A graduate student may receive a degree upon satisfying the requirements of the catalog under which the student enrolled in the program, provided the catalog is no more than seven years old when the degree is conferred and the University still offers programs and required curriculum described in that catalog. A student may petition to graduate under a subsequent catalog under which credit was earned because of a preference to meet newer degree requirements.

Certification or licensure requirements are subject to change. Students enrolled in programs leading to certification or licensure must meet all current certification and licensure requirements, regardless of the catalog chosen.

Transfer of Credit

Course work transferred or accepted for credit toward a graduate degree must represent graduate course work relevant to that degree, with course content and level of instruction resulting in student competencies at least equivalent to those of students enrolled in Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s own graduate degree programs. The following rules apply to all graduate transfer courses.

- Transferred graduate credit must have been earned at a Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board recognized institution.
- The student must have earned a grade of B or better in the transfer course work. Courses lacking letter grades (e.g., courses graded pass/no pass, credit/no credit, or satisfactory/unsatisfactory) will not be accepted as transfer credit.
- The course work must be less than 7 years old at the time the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi degree is awarded.

Additional limitations on transfer of credit are discussed in “Requirements for Master’s Degrees” and “Requirements for Doctoral Programs.”

All transferred work (with accompanying grades or marks) will be translated into Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi terms. If an equivalency has not already been established, the Office of Graduate Studies and Research will consult with the appropriate graduate program that represents the course content to determine the course equivalency and transferability. Should the Graduate Dean determine that a student has taken courses of similar level and content at more than one institution (duplicated work), the grade of the second course attempted will be the grade of record, and all others will be recorded without credit. Transfer work will become a part of the student’s record only after matriculation and then only when the student has established a course of record.

Correspondence and Extension Credit

Extension, correspondence study credit, continuing education unit (CEU) and similar professional credits will not be applied toward graduate degrees.

Academic Advisement

Graduate advisers or advisory committees are assigned by the graduate office in each college. Graduate advisers are graduate faculty members designated to advise students on matters related to their graduate programs. Advisers serve as contact persons for information