The Nature and Purpose of Graduate Study

Graduate work consists of advanced study in focused or specialized programs. There are generally two components of graduate study: coursework and independent study, the latter often leading to a report, thesis, dissertation, or creative presentation. In some areas, internships, field studies, and other professional experiences may also be an integral part of the program. The proportion of each type of study varies according to the previous training of the student and the nature of the major area.

The objective of graduate study is to develop intellectual depth and to provide the specialized training necessary to a career in teaching, in research, or in the professions. Emphasis is placed on the knowledge, methods, and skills needed for scholarly teaching, original research and problem solving, intellectual leadership, creative expression, and other modes of achievement in the student’s discipline.

Graduate Degrees Granted

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi offers course work leading to the following graduate degrees:

**Master’s Degrees**

- Accounting          MAcc
- Art (Studio Art)    MA
- Biology             MS
- Business            MBA
- Communication       MA
- Computer Science    MS
- Counseling          MS
- Curriculum and Instruction MS
- Early Childhood Education MS
- Educational Administration MS
- Educational Technology MS
- Elementary Education MS
- English             MA
- Environmental Science MS
- Fisheries & Mariculture* MS
- Geospatial Surveying Engineering MS
- History             MA
- Interdisciplinary Study MA
- Kinesiology         MS
- Marine Biology      MS
- Mathematics         MS
- Occupational Training and Development MS
- Nursing             MSN
- Psychology          MA
- Public Administration MPA
- Reading             MS
- Secondary Education MS
- Special Education   MS

**Doctoral Degrees and Other Terminal Degrees**

- Coastal and Marine System Science PhD
- Counselor Education     PhD
- Curriculum and Instruction PhD
- Educational Leadership  EdD
- Marine Biology          PhD
- Studio Art               MFA

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