

Degree Requirements

Full-time Status

A full-time graduate course load is nine semester hours for a Fall or Spring semester, and five semester hours for each summer session. The maximum graduate course load is fifteen semester hours for a Fall or Spring semester, and six semester hours for each summer session. Once a student enrolls in Graduate School, he/she has six years to complete the requirements for his/her Masters degree. A student who does not complete all of his/her degree requirements within the **6-year time limit** must request a time extension from the Graduate Coordinator, as well as the Dean of the Graduate College, and give adequate justification for such an extension.

Transfer of Coursework

Students may **transfer** up to **six** semester hours of graduate course work from another university for credit toward a Masters degree at Texas State. The course(s) being transferred must meet the following criteria: 1) the course(s) must be graduate courses, 2) the course(s) must not have counted toward course credit for a degree at another university, 3) the course(s) must have the same course content as a course or courses on the student's degree outline, and 4) the student must have made a grade of "B" or better in the course(s). In order to obtain approval for transfer courses, the student should bring the following to the Graduate Coordinator: 1) a course syllabus to confirm that the content of the course is the same as a course on the student's degree outline, and 2) a copy of an official transcript to demonstrate that the student made a grade of "B" or better in the course, and that the course did not count toward a degree at another university.

GPA Requirements, Academic Probation and Suspension

Graduate students are required to maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 for courses taken for degree credit. If a graduate student's GPA falls below 3.0, he/she will have one semester of probation to raise his/her GPA to 3.0 or be placed on suspension. After a one-semester suspension period, the student may petition his/her Graduate Coordinator to be reinstated in the Graduate College. During the suspension period the student must engage in academic activities that will ultimately result in enhancing the suspended student's academic performance (e.g., audit undergraduate courses, participate in tutorial sessions). To be considered for reinstatement the student must meet and present the Graduate Coordinator with a written narrative describing his/her academic activities during the suspension period. The ESS Division will only recommend reinstatement one time during the student's graduate studies.