

# **SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS 77341

## **Graduate Catalog**

RECORD OF 2005-2007 SESSIONS  
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 2007-2009 SESSIONS

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# DEGREE REQUIREMENTS AND ACADEMIC GUIDELINES

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Graduate programs are typically classified as either research or professional oriented programs. Research programs have a major research component. At the master's level, the research component may be included in a series of courses, a research product, and/or a thesis. At the doctoral level, the research product is a dissertation. Professional programs at the master's level may include an internship and/or a practicum in lieu of a research product.

Graduate studies tend to be more focused, provide greater depth of study within the chosen field, foster independent learning, and promote knowledge of the literature. All of the graduate programs at Sam Houston State University require an assessment of knowledge retention toward the end of the academic program. The assessment may be incorporated as a comprehensive exam, in written and/or oral format, and/or a comprehensive capstone course.

Regardless of the type of program, the academic expectations placed on graduate students far exceed those experienced at the undergraduate level. While pursuit of knowledge is the major goal of graduate studies, graduate students are expected to achieve and remain in **academic good standing**. At Sam Houston State University, a graduate student must maintain an overall grade point average of at least 3.0 on all graduate coursework attempted. Review "Scholastic Expectations" within this section for further details.

## Degree Requirements

### Academic Procedures

#### SUMMARY OF THE MAJOR STEPS REQUIRED BY GRADUATE STUDIES IN FULFILLING REQUIREMENTS FOR A GRADUATE DEGREE

Procedure	Time
1. Become familiar with general regulations and appropriate degree section of Graduate Catalog	Before registration
2. Meet with graduate advisor to plan course of study	Before initial registration
3. Meet candidacy requirements	Per program requirements
4. Conduct annual review with advisor	After each year in program
5. If thesis or dissertation is required:	
a. Establish advisory committee	Per program requirements
b. Submit thesis/dissertation proposal	
c. Defend thesis/dissertation proposal	
d. Defend final thesis/dissertation	
e. Submit thesis/dissertation to library for review	See Academic Calendar
6. Apply for degree	See Academic Calendar
7. Meet comprehensive requirements	During semester of anticipated graduation

NOTES: (1) Each student is responsible for contacting the appropriate graduate advisor for the specific program requirement deadlines. A student is required to complete graduate work within a six-year period, measured from the date of initial enrollment for graduate credit in a particular degree program.