

# Degree Requirements, Pharmaceutical Sciences

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Graduate handbook information is updated and maintained by each program. Graduate handbooks are available within each program's office and online at <https://utexas.box.com/v/UTAustinGraduateHandbooks>. Please contact the program with concerns or questions.

Pharmacy Graduate Studies 196S, *Seminar in Pharmacy* is required of all graduate students in pharmacy and is taught every fall and spring in each division. Students in the pharmacotherapy and translational sciences area may substitute PGS 195H Advanced Pharmacotherapy Research Conference or other seminar courses that have been reviewed and approved by the GSC. This requirement may be waived for a specific semester by the Graduate Studies Committee for sufficient reason upon petition by the student's major professor. No more than two semester hours of credit earned in this course are counted toward the number of hours required in master's degree programs.

## Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences

The Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences is offered by the Health Outcomes and Pharmacotherapy and Translational Sciences divisions.

Students must complete at least 30 semester hours of graduate coursework. Typically, students complete their coursework, thesis proposal defense, and research and writing the thesis paper in three years. An overall grade point average of 3.00 must be maintained for program continuation and completion. While there is no prescribed sequence of courses for the program, students and their graduate advisors must develop an individualized education plan that accounts for the varied semester course offerings and prerequisites and that can be completed in two to three years.

## Doctor of Philosophy

The student selects a major professor who will supervise the qualifying examinations, act as chair of the dissertation committee, and assist with the selection of suitable dissertation committee members. Upon completion of the qualifying examinations, an application is forwarded to the Graduate Studies Committee and the graduate advisor, who then recommends to the graduate dean whether the student should be admitted to doctoral candidacy. After admission to doctoral candidacy, the student must enroll in the dissertation course each fall and spring semester.

Students must complete at least 30 semester hours of required graduate coursework followed by at least six semester hours of research and dissertation courses for a minimum of 36 semester hours for the doctoral degree. Typically, students complete their coursework, qualifying exams, dissertation proposal defense, and research and writing the dissertation in four to six years of full-time enrollment (84 to 126 semester credit hours). An overall grade point average of 3.00 must be maintained for program continuation and completion. While there is no prescribed sequence of courses for the program, students and their graduate advisors must develop an individualized education plan that accounts for the varied semester course offerings and prerequisites and that can be completed in two or three years. Upon completion of the qualifying examinations, the student meets with the appropriate committee and graduate advisor, who then recommend to the graduate