Degree Requirements, Translational Science

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.

Students must complete at least 72 semester hours of graduate coursework. An overall grade point average of 3.00 must be maintained for program continuation and completion. Students are required to take a minimum of 24 semester hours of core curriculum; 12 semester hours of prescribed track electives selected from the list of elective courses for this program; six semester hours of free electives selected from any course offered at participating graduate programs; and 30 semester hours of research and dissertation work. The Translational Science PhD Program also offers a Data Science track defined as 12 semester credit hours, which are counted towards the 72 hours of graduate coursework required to complete the program.

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 three years. Upon completion of the qualifying examinations, the student meets with the appropriate committee and graduate advisor, who then recommend to the graduate dean whether the student should be admitted to doctoral candidacy. After admission to candidacy, the student must enroll in the dissertation course each fall and spring semester.