

# Graduate Studies

## Introduction

Graduate students at UTPB make up about 23% of the student body. They have a variety of objectives in their studies and are often mature students who hold jobs concurrently with part-time study. Graduate studies are often characterized by the faculty as more challenging and more enjoyable because students are studying in areas where they have particular interests. Both degree seeking and non-degree seeking students are goal directed.

The University's graduate programs are administered by the Assistant Vice President for Graduate Studies under the direction of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Graduate Council, composed of one elected member from each of the Schools, one from each of the departments in the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Assistant Vice President for Graduate Studies, is responsible for developing policies and procedures for graduate education. It also advises the University administration on the operation of graduate programs.