Angelo State University
Operating Policy and Procedure

OP 10.09: Degree Requirements

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this Operating Policy and/or Procedure (OP) is to ensure understanding and standardized procedures concerning degree requirements.

REVIEW: This OP will be reviewed in March every five years, or as needed, by the provost and vice president for academic affairs with recommended revisions forwarded to the president by April 15 of the same year.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

1. Bachelor’s Degree Requirements

   All bachelor degrees must meet general degree requirements, including completion of:

   - a minimum of 120 semester credit hours;
   - a minimum of 42 semester credit hours at the advanced (junior and senior) level;
   - a minimum of 25 percent of the semester credit hours required for the degree in residence at Angelo State University;
   - a minimum of 24 semester credit hours at the advanced (junior and senior) level in residence at Angelo State University;
   - core curriculum requirements;
   - TSI requirements; and
   - applicable GPA requirements.

2. Master’s Degree Requirements

   In partial fulfillment of the requirements for all master’s degrees, the graduate student must complete the following general requirements:

   a. The student must complete a minimum of 30 to 60 semester credit hours of graduate work depending upon the degree being sought. In each degree program, the student must earn a 3.00, or better, grade point average overall and in the major field and in all course work taken at ASU. In programs requiring course work outside the major field, the student must earn a 3.00, or better, grade point average in each of these areas. Grades lower than C will not apply toward any degree.
The student may apply toward the degree:

(1) A maximum of two 5000-level courses totaling no more than eight semester credit hours may be taken for graduate credit by graduate students and applied to the graduate degree plan.

(2) A maximum of six semester credit hours of transfer work in a 30-hour program with no grade lower than a B, and a maximum of nine semester credit hours of transfer work in a program of more than 30 hours with no grade lower than a B;

(3) No courses taken by correspondence or extension;

(4) No more than nine semester credit hours taken while in non-degree status.

b. Candidates for all degrees must successfully complete a comprehensive experience covering work within the candidate’s program. The type of experience varies by program, but may take the form of required course work, portfolios, written and/or oral exams.

c. Angelo State University does not award graduate credit for non-academic experiences nor allow the use of experiential training toward a master’s degree.

In addition to the general degree requirements, the graduate student must complete additional requirements for the designated degree program.

3. Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree Requirements

In partial fulfillment of the requirements for the doctor’s degree, the graduate student must complete the following general requirements:

a. The student must complete a minimum 99 semester credit hours (7000-level work) for the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. The student must earn a 3.00, or better, grade point average overall and meet mastery in all course work.
   - No courses taken by correspondence or extension;
   - A minimum of 99 semester credit hours.

b. Candidates for the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree must successfully complete a comprehensive experience covering work within the candidate’s program. The type of experience varies by program, but may take the form of required course work, portfolios, and written and/or oral exams.

c. Angelo State University does not award graduate credit for non-academic experiences nor allow the use of experiential training toward the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

In addition to the general degree requirements, the graduate student must complete additional requirements for the designated degree program.