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# Angelo State University
## Operating Policy and Procedure

**OP 10.09:** **Degree Requirements**

**DATE:** January 22, 2013

**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 of odd-numbered years by the vice provost for academic affairs with recommended revisions forwarded through the provost and vice president for academic affairs 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:

- the total number of semester credit hours established for the chosen degree program. The minimum number is 120 semester credit hours with at least 42 at the advanced (junior and senior) level;
- a minimum of 25 percent of the credits required for the degree in residence at Angelo State University. At least 24 semester credit hours must be at the advanced level. Twenty-four of the last 30 semester credit hours earned toward the degree must be in residence;
- 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 48 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.