



## **Angelo State University Operating Policy and Procedure**

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

**DATE:** February 11, 2019

**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 36\* 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 30 semester credit hours, with a maximum of 60\*\* semester credit hours are required in the major;
- a minimum of 25% of the advanced hours in the major must be in residence;
- core curriculum requirements;
- TSI requirements; and
- applicable GPA requirements.
- Only 8 semester credit hours of Physical Activity (PA) may be used to meet degree requirements.

\* Exceptions to this 36 SCH advanced hour rule are (the B.A.A.S - 30 SCH, the B.B.S. - 31 SCH, and the B.I.A. - 31 SCH) degrees that have agreement requirements and/or accreditation requirements.

\*\* Exceptions to this 60 SCH maximum in the major are degrees that have agreement requirements and/or accreditation requirements beyond the 60 SCH limit.

#### **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 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) Students must adhere to the transfer policies of the graduate program to which they are admitted. Official transcripts showing the successful completion of the course petitioned to be transferred must be on file in the Graduate Office. At least one-third of credits toward a graduate degree must be earned at Angelo State University. No graduate work for which the student received a grade lower than “B” will be accepted for transfer credit. All transferred course work must have been completed no more than six years prior to the awarding of the master’s degree at Angelo State University;
  - (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. An exception to this standard policy is limited to graduates of the Air Force Intelligence Officer’s Course (14N) by allowing 12 graduate-level semester credits towards specific degrees.

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

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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.