

University of Houston

Program Self-Study

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SUMMARY

Discuss the main findings results of the program's self-study.

The following self-study of the _____, which is required by the

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, uses criteria identified in the Texas Administrative Code to systematically evaluate the program's quality and effectiveness in supporting UH's mission. This self-study has been reviewed internally by the college's Academic Dean.

A. GRADUATE PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS

The Characteristics of Doctoral Programs report was developed by the Coordinating Board's Graduate Education Advisory Committee (GEAC) in 2008 to provide a snapshot of doctoral programs offered by Texas public universities and health-related institutions. In compliance with rules outlined in the [Texas Administrative Code](#), University of Houston has published information regarding 18 characteristics of doctoral programs can be found [here](#).

1. **Student enrollment.** For the three most recent years, this is a headcount of students enrolled in the fall semester of each year.

Term	Enrollment
Fall 20	
Fall 20	
Fall 20	

Discuss this trend, describe plans for maintaining or increasing enrollment, and set an enrollment goal for the next ten years.

2. **Number of degrees per year.** For each of the three most recent years, this is the total number of graduate degrees awarded per academic year (fall, spring, and summer).

Academic Year	Number of Degrees
20__-20__	
20__-20__	
20__-20__	

Discuss this trend and describe goals for degree production and anticipated outcomes for the next ten years.

3. **Average time to degree.** For each of the three most recent years, this is defined as the average of the graduate's time to degree, beginning the year students matriculated with a graduate degree objective until the year they graduated.

Academic Year	Average Time to Degree
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20__-20__	
20__-20__	
20__-20__	

Discuss this trend and describe plans to maintain or reduce average time to degree, setting goals and anticipated outcomes for the next ten years.

4. **Graduation rates.** This is defined as the percent of a cohort of first-year students who graduated within five years for master's programs and ten years for doctoral programs.

Entry Academic Year	Cohort	Number of Degrees	%
20__-20__			
20__-20__			
20__-20__			

Discuss this trend and describe plans for maintaining or improving the graduation rate in the next ten years.

5. **Student retention/graduation rates.** This is the percentage of full-time fall-entering students in a given academic year who re-enroll or graduate in subsequent fall semesters.

Entry Term	Enrollment	Returned 2nd Year (%)	Returned 3rd Year (%)	Returned 4th Year (%)	Returned 5th Year (%)	Graduated in 1st Year (%)	Graduated in 2nd Year (%)	Graduated in 3rd Year (%)	Graduated in 4th Year (%)
Fall 20									
Fall 20									

Discuss the current trend, describe its plan for improving retention of qualified students, and set a goal for the next ten years.

6. **Employment profile.** For each of the three most recent years combined, this is defined as the number and percent of graduates by year employed, still seeking employment, and unknown. The employment areas are academia, government, industry/professional, postdoctoral, and other.

Academic Year	Academia		Government		Industrial Professional		Postdoctoral		Other		TOTAL
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
20__-20__											
20__-20__											
20__-20__											

Describe the profile as well as career counseling and job placement assistance by professional staff and faculty, and discuss the success of these services. Discuss a plan to enhance the employment profile over the next ten years.

7. **Admissions criteria.** This is a description of admission factors described in the [Graduate Catalog](#).

Describe the alignment of these factors to [House Bill 1641](#) and discuss if and how these factors have changed over time to ensure the selection of quality applicants. Also describe admission practices in accordance with and in support of the institution's mission.

8. **Percentage of full-time students.** For the last three fall semesters, this is defined as the ratio of the number of full-time students and the number of students enrolled (headcount).

Term	Enrollment	Full time	%
Fall 20			
Fall 20			
Fall 20			

Discuss the current trend, describe plans for addressing the needs of full-time and part-time students, and set a goal and anticipated outcomes for the next ten years.

9. **Average institutional financial support provided.** For those receiving financial support, this is the average monetary institutional support provided per full-time graduate student for the prior year from assistantships, scholarships, stipends, grants, and fellowships (does not include tuition or benefits).

Academic Year	Full Time Students	Recipients	%	Total	Average
20__-20__					

Indicate what type of support is available to the students enrolled in the program and describe a plan to sustain or improve financial support with goals and anticipated outcomes for the next ten years.

10. **Number of core faculty.** This is the number of full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty who teach 50 percent or more in the program or other individuals integral to the program who can direct research.

Term	Number of Core faculty
Fall 20	

Indicate plans for adjustments or growth and goals for the next ten years.

11. **Student/core faculty ratio.** For each of the three most recent years, this is the number of full-time student equivalent divided by the full-time faculty equivalent of core faculty.

Term	Student FTE	Faculty FTE	Student/Core Faculty Ratio
Fall 20			
Fall 20			
Fall 20			

Indicate plans for adjustment and goals for the next ten years.

20									
Fall 20									

Discuss faculty workload for graduate instructors in your program, in the context of overall teaching load in the department. Include discussions of research and administrative assignments.

15. Date of last external review. This is the date of last formal external review (e.g., professional association accreditation, or other agency or body requiring periodic review). *Describe the recommendations and outcomes of the last external review.*

16. External program accreditation. This is the name of body and date of last program accreditation review if applicable.

17. Student publications/presentations. For the three most recent years, this refers to the number of discipline-related refereed papers/publications, juried creative/performance accomplishments, book chapters, books, and external presentations per year.

Academic Year	Number of Students	Number of Publications
20__-20__		
20__-20__		
20__-20__		

18. Graduate licensure rates (if applicable). For the three most recent years, this is the annual pass rates for programs whose graduates are required to pass a licensure exam to practice in the field.

Academic Year	Pass Rate
20__-20__	
20__-20__	
20__-20__	

These characteristics do not fully represent the quality of graduate programs. Sections B through G provide additional information.

B. ALIGNMENT OF PROGRAM WITH PROGRAM AND INSTITUTIONAL GOALS AND PURPOSES

Discuss the program's mission alignment with UH's [mission and goals](#).

C. PROGRAM COMPARISON TO PEER PROGRAMS

Discuss the structure of the program curriculum and how long it takes to complete the program. Compare the program's curriculum and time to completion of the degree to those of peer programs and aspirational programs elsewhere in Texas and the nation.

D. PROGRAM FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

Describe the quality of current instructional facilities and equipment available to the graduate program. Identify plans to enhance facilities in the next ten years.

E. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

The program must have an administrative infrastructure appropriate for its mission, goals, and objectives. If available, provide the mission statement and describe how it influences decision-making. Describe the structure of the program's administration indicating reporting lines up to the Dean level. Identify administrators leading the program and describe their qualifications. As per the a committee of faculty members is required to accept

primary responsibility for the professional graduate program. Indicate the role this body has in the management of the program.

F. PROGRAM FINANCE AND RESOURCES

Discuss the budget for the program. Also describe additional major financial resources available to the program including but not limited to endowments and gift accounts.

G. FACULTY QUALIFICATIONS

Describe expectations for faculty in terms of research, scholarship, pedagogy, and service in terms of program mission and quality. Provide a short biographical sketch (250 words or less) for each core faculty member, highlighting exemplary activities that have occurred in the last three academic years.

H. CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

As required by the THECB, the program must develop a ten-year plan for outcomes assessment; gather data; and assess outcomes annually. At the point of the ten-year review, the program must be able to report on the progress of these continuous improvement efforts. Describe the ten-year plan to be implemented.

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Hyperlinks

This document contains a number of hyperlinks throughout the text. For convenience, the most relevant hyperlinks for the preparation of the self-study are listed below.

For general information regarding the THECB graduate degree program review mandate, click [here](#).

For specific information regarding Rule 5.52, click [here](#).

For UH Graduate Program Characteristics, click [here](#).

For House Bill 1641 describing admission factors, click [here](#).