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OVERVIEW OF THE GRADUATE PROGRAM

The program in Environmental and Earth Sciences is designed to provide a graduate student an integrated, multidisciplinary education, nurtured through a carefully tailored degree program, which requires a breadth of understanding and mastery of a spectrum of scientific and engineering principles. Among the goals is to provide students who have earned science or engineering undergraduate degrees with a common ground for interdisciplinary communication, understanding of the Earth and Environment, and competence in a discipline that will allow him or her to evaluate and solve complex geoscience or environmental problems.

The program offers a Master of Science degree in Environmental and Earth Sciences (with multiple track options) and a Doctor of Philosophy degree.

- **The Master of Science program** is designed to prepare students for careers in industry, government and teaching, or for further graduate education leading to a doctorate. A student may follow one of four Options in the MS program:
<https://catalog.uta.edu/science/earth/graduate/#masterstext>
- **The Doctoral Program** provides additional training in science, engineering, and urban planning aimed at producing a sophisticated, solution-oriented approach to environmental and geoscience problems, while providing training in research and scholarship through the dissertation. An interdisciplinary approach is a unique characteristic of the program, which prepares students for careers in industry, government and higher education:
<https://catalog.uta.edu/science/earth/graduate/#doctoraltext>

THE NATURE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document is for planning and advising purposes. It is not intended to, nor does it, contain all regulations related to students. The provisions of this document do not constitute a contract, expressly or implied, between an applicant, student, faculty member, the Program in Earth and Environmental and Sciences, the participating Departments and Colleges, The University of Texas at Arlington, or The University of Texas System. The University reserves the right to withdraw courses at any time, change fees, rules, calendars, curriculum, degree programs, degree requirements, graduation procedures, and any other requirements affecting students. Changes will become effective whenever the proper authorities determine and will apply to both prospective students and those already enrolled.

Students are individually responsible for complying with all requirements of the rules and regulations of the Program, the University, and the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System. Failure to read and comply with policies, regulations and procedures will not exempt a student from whatever penalties he or she may incur.

Each graduate student must be familiar with the general regulations of the Graduate School (<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/gradschool>) and the specific regulations that pertain to their graduate program.

HOW TO USE THIS DOCUMENT

This Handbook has a list of topics under a series of general headings. Each topic has a link to the UTA Catalogue, the UTA Graduate School, the Library, or Registration & Records with information about that topic.

The best way to use this document is to find a general heading of interest and then browse the topics/links in that heading for the information you want.

UTA GRADUATE PROGRAM - POLICIES, DEADLINES, LISTSERV

Composition of the Ph.D. Committee

The Ph.D. committee consists of five committee members, with at least four Ph.D. committee members required for graduation of a student. At least one committee member shall be outside of the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, and a minimum of three committee members shall be from the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences. External committee members are permitted prior approval from Graduate School (<https://resources.uta.edu/gradschool/forms/index.php>).

Changing Your Committee Member

Graduate students changing the members of MS or Ph.D. committee requires approval from the committee chair. It does not require approval from members who are leaving the committee. File these changes immediately with committee change form from the graduate school.

For master's students: graduate students may make changes at any point prior to three months before the final examination by filing the committee change form from the graduate school.

For doctoral students: Ph.D. students may make changes to their Ph.D. committee at any time prior to their comprehensive exam. Committee changes after your comprehensive exam require the department chair's approval. Generally, graduate students may not schedule their comprehensive exam within three months of a change of committee member.

Changing Your Committee Chair

Changing your committee chair is the same as changing any other committee member. Your director of graduate studies may ask to meet with you if you request a change of your chair, especially if such a change is requested after the comprehensive exam.

Committee-Member Resignations

Any member, including your chair, may resign at any time from a graduate student committee. It is the student's responsibility to reconstitute the MS. or Ph.D. committee. If graduate student fails to reconstitute a committee, the graduate student will not be permitted to continue registration in the Graduate School.

Other Graduate Policies

UTA Office of Graduate Studies sets the general requirements and procedures for graduate study at the UTA (<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/>).

The Office of Records and Registration certifies and awards graduate degrees. To allow time for certification, the Office of Graduate Studies sets deadlines for which the required procedural matters must be completed (<https://www.uta.edu/administration/registrar>).

Deadline dates for each semester are in the Office of Graduate Studies calendar. The responsibility for meeting established deadlines resides with the student (<https://www.uta.edu/administration/registrar/calendars>).

Education Records Policy

<https://www.uta.edu/administration/registrar>

Graduate Studies Deadlines

Graduate Admissions Deadlines: <https://www.uta.edu/admissions/apply/graduate#apply>

APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION DEADLINES:

All transactions relating to deadlines must be completed and documentation received in the appropriate Office by the deadline.

Transactions requiring the action or approval of the Graduate Advisor, committees, departmental chairperson, instructors, academic deans, or others prior to receipt by the Office of Graduate Studies should be initiated by the appropriate person (student, Graduate Advisor, or other) sufficiently in advance of the Office of Graduate Studies' deadline to allow the required actions to be completed, approvals obtained and documents filed in the Office of Graduate Studies before the deadline expires.

The Department Graduate Advisor initiates those actions that are routinely his/her responsibility. Each student should contact the department graduate advisor by email or in person before registering for the next semester.

<https://www.uta.edu/administration/registrar/students/graduation/applying>

DEPARTMENT LISTSERV - FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING

Go to <https://listserv.uta.edu>. It will ask for a list name. Insert GEOLGRADEVSE. And click on that listserv

Under Login Required, use your UTA email and password

Click on the Menu symbol on the right side of the web page and select item Subscribe or Unsubscribe.

Follow the instructions on that page and click on the Subscribe Button

A confirmation request will be sent to your email address. Your subscription will not be completed until you respond to the confirmation request.

PHD MILESTONES REQUIREMENT FORM

Milestones Agreement Form

This form is provided for the purpose of informing students about the academic milestones that they will be expected to achieve to earn their Ph.D. degree as well as when they are expected to complete these milestones. Advisors are expected to work with each student to customize the list of responsibilities included in the agreement. Students are expected to reach each milestone within the specified time to make satisfactory progress through the program. Students who are not making satisfactory progress may lose funding, be placed on academic probation, or be dismissed from the program. If a student has ongoing concerns or grievances related to his or her Milestones Agreement, the student may obtain third party consideration of those concerns by following UT Arlington's policies and procedures regarding academic grievances as described in the Graduate Catalog.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND EARTH SCIENCES PHD PROGRAM

MILESTONES AGREEMENT FORM

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Academic Advising

Upon entering the Environmental and Earth Science Ph.D. program, all students will be assigned an advisor. The advisor will be a member of the Earth and Environmental Sciences department. Graduate advisor will be **Dr. Ricardo Sánchez-Murillo**.

Academic advising includes the following elements that are designed to ensure that students remain in good academic standing and make satisfactory progress through the program. Graduate advisors, supervising professors and graduate studies committees are responsible for the following:

- Ensuring that annual reviews between student and Ph.D. supervising professor occur. The results of this review will be included in the program's annual doctoral progress report. The annual review should be completed via adobe online form and submitted by February 20 to the EES administration (jeannine.dudley@uta.edu).
- Provide information on program requirements, general advisement and

information about choosing supervising professor.

- Providing suggestions on course selection
- Reviewing the student's Degree Plan to determine if the student is making progress consistent with the expectations of the program and reaching milestones according to the timeline provided on this form; working with the Doctoral Studies Committee and student to determine if modifications are necessary
- Clarifying the timetable for completing any remaining course requirements, examinations, and other requirements
- Providing the student with assistance in understanding the requirements for successful completion of dissertation
- Providing the student with assistance in assembling a dissertation committee
- Providing the student with experiences and information that will optimize the student's career opportunities and success

Requirements for all Students in the Environmental and Earth Science Ph.D. Program

| Milestone | Date Proposed | Date Achieved |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Review of student's progress by <i>Ph.D. Committee and Doctoral studies committee</i> | | |
| Dissertation Committee appointed and approved by Graduate School | | |
| Successful completion of oral diagnostic exam (by the end of 2 nd long semester but not later than by the end of 3rd Long semester) | | |
| Completion of graduate coursework approved by Ph.D. committee | | |
| Comprehensive exam completed (by the end of 5th long semester but not later than by the end of 6th long semester) | | |
| Student admitted to doctoral candidacy by graduate school | | |
| Student completed and filed all paperwork required for graduation | | |
| Dissertation defense and form submitted to Graduate School | | |
| Exit interview completed and submitted to Survey of Earned Doctorates | | |

Degree Completion Checklist for Students

- Maintain active student status by registering for courses every fall and spring semester
- Complete *Milestones Agreement Form* with your advisor no later than the last class day of the Spring semester

- Complete all required organized coursework
- Schedule and successfully complete required qualifying exams
- Form your dissertation committee in consultation with your advisor and dissertation Chair
- Have your committee approved by program GSC and Graduate School
- Prepare and successfully present your dissertation proposal
- Apply for Advancement to Candidacy
- Enroll in required dissertation hours and complete your dissertation
- Successfully complete your defense of your dissertation
- Submit required documentation to the Graduate School for completion and graduation

Consequences if Milestones are not completed in a timely manner:

Consequences of milestones not achieved can be a termination of the GTA or GRA stipend.

I have read this form and have had the opportunity to discuss the information contained in it with my advisor. I understand the academic milestones that I am expected to reach in order to successfully complete the Environmental and Earth Science Ph.D. program, as well as the expected timeline for completing these milestones.

Student's Signature

Date

I recommend renewal or award of the GTA stipend
 I do not recommend renewal or award of the GTA stipend

PhD Supervising Professor Signature

Date

I recommend renewal or award of the GTA stipend
 I do not recommend renewal or award of the GTA stipend

Graduate Advisor Signature

Date

I recommend renewal or award of the GTA stipend
 I do not recommend renewal or award of the GTA stipend

Chair of Graduate Studies Committee

Date

EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES GRADUATE PROGRAMS

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AND OVERVIEW

<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/science/departments/ees/degree-programs/graduate>

DEPARTMENT ADMISSION

<https://www.uta.edu/admissions/apply/graduate>

ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

<https://catalog.uta.edu/graduateschool/#text>

DEPARTMENT ACADEMIC ADVISORS

<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/science/departments/ees/advising>

NAVIGATING THE MS DEGREE

<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/gradschool/navigating-your-degree/masters>

MS PROGRAMS IN EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

- Environmental Science Thesis Option
- Environmental Science Non-Thesis Option
- Geoscience Thesis Option
- Geoscience Non-Thesis Option
- Environmental Science Professional Option
- Energy Geoscience Professional Option
- Dual Degree Program

All requirements available at <https://catalog.uta.edu/science/earth/graduate/#masterstext>

MS STUDENT THESIS SUPERVISING COMMITTEES

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/#linkstext>

FINAL MASTER'S EXAMINATION

All MS students must take the Final MS Exam to graduate.

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/#linkstext>

FINAL MS EXAM REPORT

<https://resources.uta.edu/gradschool/forms/forms-for-masters-students.php>

MASTER'S THESIS OPTION

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/#linkstext>

THESIS/DISSERTATION MANUAL

<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/gradschool/resources/academic/%20dissertations>

THESIS MANUSCRIPT FORMAT, FINAL SUBMISSION AND ARCHIVING

<https://libraries.uta.edu/services/thesis-dissertation>

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/#linkstext> \

DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

DOCTORAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/#doctoraltext>

Doctoral Degree Plans and Required Hours

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/#doctoraltext>

TIME LIMIT

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/#doctoraltext>

RESIDENCE

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/#doctoraltext>

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/#doctoraltext>

DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION

All PhD students take the diagnostic Exam during the first year.

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/#doctoraltext>

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/#doctoraltext>

DISSERTATION

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/#doctoraltext>

Dissertation Manual

<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/gradschool/resources/%20academic/dissertations>

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/#doctoraltext>

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/#doctoraltext>

DISSERTATION DEFENSE

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/#doctoraltext>

DISSERTATION MANUSCRIPT FORMAT, FINAL SUBMISSION AND ARCHIVING

<https://libraries.uta.edu/services/thesis-dissertation>

NAVIGATING THE PhD DEGREE

<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/gradschool/navigating-your-degree/doctoral>

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE PROGRAM COMPLETION

Each graduate student must complete degree requirements in accordance with the catalog in effect at the time the student entered the graduate program or, at the student's option, the catalog of any subsequent year in which the student was in residence.

Note that changes in UTA regulations and policies become effective for all enrolled students in the year for which the catalog is in effect, regardless of the year of initial enrollment. Thus, students may choose to satisfy degree requirements specified in an earlier catalog, but all must observe University regulations and follow graduation procedures prescribed in the catalog in force in the intended semester of graduation.

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/#text>

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDED STUDENTS

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/#text>

CREDIT FOR REPEATED COURSES

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/>

COURSE CREDIT APPLIED TO MORE THAN ONE DEGREE

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/>

CREDIT FOR ADVANCED UNDERGRADUATE COURSEWORK

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/>

CHANGE OF GRADUATE PROGRAM OR DEGREE LEVEL FOR CURRENT STUDENTS

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/>

EARNING GRADUATE COURSE CREDIT AS A UT ARLINGTON UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/>

STUDENTS ENROLLED AS DEGREED UNDERGRADUATES

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/>

COURSES THAT DO NOT PROVIDE GRADUATE CREDIT

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/>

TRANSFER CREDIT APPLIED TO MASTER'S DEGREES

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/>

TRANSFER CREDIT APPLIED TO DOCTORAL DEGREES

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/graduate/>

GRADUATION PROCEDURES

<https://www.uta.edu/administration/registrar/students/graduation>

APPLYING FOR GRADUATION

<https://www.uta.edu/administration/registrar/students/graduation/applying>

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

Basic admission requirements must be met before a student can be accepted.

EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES MASTER'S PROGRAM ADMISSIONS

For unconditional admission a student must meet the following requirements:

For the Environmental Science Options: A B.S. degree in biology, chemistry, geoscience, mathematics, or engineering with the following courses or their equivalent: 1 semester of introductory physics for science majors; 2 semesters of introductory chemistry for science majors; and Calculus I and II. Students with a Bachelor's Degree in other sciences will also be considered subject to satisfactory completion of deficiency courses.

For the Geoscience Options: A B.S. degree in an Earth Science discipline with the following courses or their equivalent: Mineralogy, Petrology, Structure, Stratigraphy/sedimentology, Field Geology and Geophysics or Paleontology. In addition, one semester of Biology, Calculus I and II, and a year of Chemistry and Physics is required.

For all Options:

1. A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, as calculated by the Graduate School.
2. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score is waived starting in Fall 2026. In the M.S. Thesis/Non-Thesis programs in Earth and Environmental Science, applicants are evaluated holistically based on their academic background, personal statement, letters of recommendation, and interview performance using a rubric matrix.
3. Official English language test scores are required from international students from non-native English-speaking countries. UTA accepts TOEFL, IELTS, and Duolingo official scores as part of the admission review process. Individual academic departments and graduate programs may give preference to students who exceed these minimums. An applicant whose native language is not English must demonstrate a sufficient level of skill with the English language to assure success in graduate studies. Graduate master's and doctoral applicants are expected to submit a score of at least 6.5 on the IELTS or achieve a minimum TOEFL iBT total score of 79 or obtain a Duolingo score of 100. Further, when the TOEFL iBT is taken, sectional scores of at least 22 on the writing section, 21 on the speaking section, 20 on the reading section, and 16 on the listening section are preferred. Scores must be sent directly to UT Arlington from the testing service provider to be considered official. Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance and programs may give preference to students with higher scores.
4. Applicants who have graduated from secondary schools or post-secondary schools in the following countries and meet English language proficiency are exempt: Anguilla, Antigua, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Canada (except Quebec), Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Grand Cayman, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Liberia, Montserrat, New Zealand, Sierra Leone, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Trinidad/Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, United Kingdom, Botswana, Cook Islands, Falkland Islands, Federated States of Micronesia,

Fiji, The Gambia, Ghana, Gibraltar, Guam, India, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Nigeria, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Saint Helena-Ascension-Tristan da Cunha, South Africa, Swaziland, Singapore, Tanzania, Uganda, U.S. Virgin Islands, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

5. All international applicants must submit a test score of English language proficiency to be eligible for a graduate teaching assistantship. Before being appointed to an assistantship at UT Arlington, a student whose native language is not English must demonstrate acceptable skill with spoken English. An applicant who is a non-native speaker of English must submit a TOEFL iBT score of at least 23, or a score of at least 7 on the Speaking section of the IELTS, or take and pass the UTA Developmental English course to meet this requirement. Only official scores provided directly to UT Arlington by ETS or IELTS are acceptable. The English proficiency requirement will be waived for non-native speakers of English who possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. institution.
6. Favorable letters of recommendation (minimum of 2) from people familiar with the applicant's academic work.
7. Statement of Purpose (limited to one page) including: a) Academic motivation and background: Clearly state your field of interest, what motivates you to pursue it, and how your prior education prepared you for graduate studies; b) Research experience and interests: Describe relevant research or technical experience, your role and skills, teamwork, and the research areas or questions you wish to explore; c) Fit with the program: Explain why EES specific programs and (if applicable) faculty align with your academic and research goals, and d) Career objectives: Outline your short- and long-term professional goals and how the PhD or MS degree supports them.

EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES PHD PROGRAM ADMISSIONS

1. A masters degree or at least 30 hours of graduate coursework in environmental science, biology, chemistry, geology, mathematics or engineering.
2. A strong quantitative background including courses in differential and integral calculus (i.e., Calculus I and II). Students that have not taken these courses will be expected to complete them during their first year of residence.
3. A minimum graduate coursework GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, as calculated by the Graduate School.
4. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score is waived starting in Fall 2026. PhD applicants are evaluated holistically based on their academic background, personal statement, letters of recommendation (minimum of 2), and interview performance using a rubric matrix.
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7. All international applicants must submit a test score of English language proficiency to be eligible for a graduate teaching assistantship. Before being appointed to an assistantship at UT Arlington, a student whose native language is not English must demonstrate acceptable skill with spoken English. An applicant who is a non-native speaker of English must submit a TOEFL iBT score of at least 23, or a score of at least 7 on the Speaking section of the IELTS, or take and pass the UTA Developmental English course to meet this requirement. Only official scores provided directly to UT Arlington by ETS or IELTS are acceptable. The English proficiency requirement will be waived for non-native speakers of English who possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. institution.
8. Favorable letters of recommendation (minimum of 2) from people familiar with the applicant's academic work and/or professional work.
9. A statement must be submitted to the program detailing the applicant's specific research interests and identifying the faculty member who is requested as supervisor of the dissertation research.
10. Students may be considered for unconditional admission if further review of their transcripts, recommendation letters, GRE waiver rubric, correspondence or direct interactions with Earth and Environmental Sciences faculty, and statement of research interests indicates that they are qualified to enter the doctoral program.

All applicants must complete the online application for admission:

<https://www.uta.edu/admissions/apply/graduate>

The admission policies of the academic departments of UTA comply with standards specified by the Texas Education Code, Section 51.842. Specifically, performance on a standardized test is not the sole criterion for consideration of an applicant for admission or the primary criterion to end consideration of the applicant for admissions. Relevant experience, commitment to the field of planned study, multilingual proficiency, and socioeconomic background (to the extent that it can be identified) may also enter into these decisions. This law does not apply to standardized tests used

to measure the English language proficiency of non-native English speakers without a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution.

APPLICATION FEES

If you did not submit your application fee at the time of submitting your admissions application, you can pay it online. All documents and fees must be provided so we can provide you with an admission decision. Please note application fees are non-refundable.

<https://www.uta.edu/admissions/apply/graduate>

APPLICATION PROCESSING

Admission to a graduate program requires receipt of official U.S. transcripts or foreign country transcripts or mark sheets and diplomas.

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/admissions/graduate/#text>

<https://www.uta.edu/admissions/apply/graduate>

GPA REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS WITH DEGREES FROM U.S. INSTITUTIONS

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/admissions/graduate/#text>

GPA REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS WITH DEGREES FROM INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/admissions/graduate/#text>

STANDARDIZED TEST REQUIREMENTS: TOEFL IBT or IELTS

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/admissions/graduate/#text>

TOEFL, IBT OR IELTS REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTS

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/admissions/graduate/#text>

APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR UNITED STATES CITIZEN APPLICANTS

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/admissions/graduate/#text>

APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR INTERNATIONAL AND U.S. RESIDENT ALIEN APPLICANTS

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/admissions/graduate/#text>

CHANGES TO A SUBMITTED APPLICATION - STARTING SEMESTER OR DEGREE PROGRAM

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/admissions/graduate/#text>

TYPES OF ADMISSION DECISIONS

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/admissions/graduate/#text>

FACILITATED ADMISSION FOR UT ARLINGTON UNDERGRADUATES

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/admissions/graduate/#text>

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICANTS REGARDING ADMISSION DECISIONS

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/admissions/graduate/#text>

FAST TRACK TO MASTER'S DEGREE

<https://catalog.uta.edu/science/earth/undergraduate/geology-bs-to-ees-ms-fast/>

NON-DEGREE SEEKING (SPECIAL) APPLICANTS

<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/admissions/graduate/#text>

READMISSION

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If this written approval is granted, the full extent of AI usage must be disclosed in the thesis or dissertation. Failure to obtain required approval or to disclose the use of authorized AI constitutes a violation of academic integrity and may be subject to disciplinary action.

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