



18 Characteristics of Texas Public Doctoral Programs

Programs included only if in existence 3 or more years. Program is defined at the 8-digit CIP code level.

Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

Plant and Soil Science

Department

Doctoral Degree Program

1	Number of Degrees Per Year <i>Average, 2007-2009</i> <i>For each of the three most recent years, of the number of degrees awarded per academic year.</i>	FY 2008-2009	FY 2009-2010	FY 2010-2011
		3	3	3

2	Graduate Rates <i>Students Starting 1997-1999</i> <i>For each of the three most recent years, of the percent of first-year doctoral students ² who graduated within ten years.</i> <i>²First-year doctoral students: Those students who have matriculated as doctoral students with a doctoral degree objective.</i>	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010
		100%	0%	

3	Average Time to Degree <i>Students Starting 1997-1999</i> <i>For each of the three most recent years, average of the graduates' time to degree ³</i> <i>³For each academic year, the time to degree is defined as beginning the year students matriculated with a doctoral degree objective until the year they graduated.</i>	FY 2008-2009	FY 2009-2010	FY 2010-2011
		2.67	3.7	3.2

4	Employment Profile - (in field within one year of graduation) <i>For each of the three most recent years, the number and percent of graduates by year employed, those still seeking employment, and unknown.</i>	Fall 2008		Fall 2009		Fall 2010	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
	Employed in Academia	2	66.67%				
	Employed as Post-Doctorates	1	33.33%	1			
	Employed in Industry/Professional			2			
	Employed in Government						
	Still seeking employment						
	Unknown			1			

5	Admissions Criteria Description of Admission Factors	http://www.pssc.ttu.edu/ProgramPages/gradapply.php
		1) Graduate School Application 2) Official copies of transcripts 3) Official copy of the TOEFL scores (for international students) 4) GRE 5) Letter of Interest 6) Three letters of Recommendation

6	Percentage of Full-time Students <i>FTS ⁴/number students enrolled (headcount) for last three fall semesters.</i> <i>⁴ Definition of Full Time Student (FTS) is institutional by program.</i>	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010
		81%	73%	82.6%

7	Average Institutional Financial Support Provided <i>For those receiving financial support, 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).</i> <i>Note: This number represents the weighted average monthly salary of all Research & Teaching Assistants and Graduate Part-Time Instructors.</i>	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010
		1769.5	1676.59	

8	Percentage Full-time Students with Institutional Financial Support <i>In the prior year, the number of FTS with at least \$1000 of annual support/the number of FTS.</i>	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010
		N/A	N/A	

9	Number of Core Faculty⁵ <i>Number of core faculty in the prior years</i> ⁵ <i>Core faculty: Full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty who teach 50 percent or more in the doctoral program or other individuals integral to the doctoral program who can direct dissertation research.</i>	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010
		23	26	23

10	Student-Core Faculty Ratio <i>For each of the three most recent years, average of full-time student equivalent (FTSE)/average of full-time faculty equivalent (FTFE) of core faculty</i>	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010
		1.1	1.4	1.27

11	Core Faculty Publications <i>For each of the three most recent calendar years, average of the number of discipline-related refereed papers/publications, books/book chapters, juried creative/performance accomplishments, and notices of discoveries filed/patents issued per core faculty member.</i>			
		Calendar Year 2008	Calendar Year 2009	Calendar Year 2010
	<i>Refereed Papers/Publications</i>	69	51	
	<i>Books/Book Chapters</i>	10	16	
	<i>Juried Creative/Performance Accomplishments</i>			
	<i>Notices of Discoveries Filed/Patents</i>	1		

12	Core Faculty External Grants <i>For each of the three most recent years, average of the number of core faculty receiving external funds, average external funds per faculty, and total external funds per program per academic year⁶</i> ⁶ <i>All external funds received by core faculty from any source including research grants, training grants, gifts from foundations, etc., reported as expenditures.</i>			
	Number of Core Faculty receiving external funds	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010
	Average External Grant \$ per Faculty	22		56
	Total External Grant \$	158,317		\$28,249
		3,957,932		\$1,581,968

13	Faculty Teaching Load <i>Total number of semester credit hours in organized teaching courses taught per academic year by core faculty divided by the number of core faculty.</i>	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010
		137	207	119

14	Faculty Diversity <i>Core faculty by ethnicity (White, Black, Hispanic, other) and gender,</i>					
	Fall 2008		Fall 2009		Fall 2010	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	White	162	184	144		
	Black					
	Hispanic					
	Other	5		31	31	

15	Student Diversity <i>Enrollment headcount by ethnicity (White, Black, Hispanic, Other) and gender in program.</i>						
	Fall 2008		Fall 2009		Fall 2010		
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
	White	10	3	2	2	5	5
	Black						
	Hispanic		1				
	Other	7	6	4	3	9	4

16	Date of Last External Review <i>Date of last formal external review.⁷</i> ⁷ Six-year Texas Tech University Graduate Program Review	2/24/2010
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17	External Program Accreditation <i>Name of body and date of last program accreditation review, if applicable.</i>	
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18	Student Publications/Presentations <i>For the three most recent calendar years, the number of discipline-related refereed papers/publications, juried creative/performance accomplishments, book chapters, books, and external presentations per year by student FTE</i>			
		Calendar Year 2008	Calendar Year 2009	Calendar Year 2010
	<i>Refereed Papers/Publications</i>	1.11	1.4	
	<i>Juried Creative/Performance Accomplishments</i>			
	<i>Book Chapters</i>		0.3	
	<i>Books</i>			
	<i>External Presentations</i>	2.15	2	