

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Mays Business School at Texas A&M University offers a PhD in business with major fields of study in accounting, finance, information and operations management, management and marketing. The objectives of the PhD program are to:

- Provide comprehensive knowledge of the concepts and practices in functional business areas
- Develop advanced competencies for conducting quality research
- Direct the research of others
- Communicate research findings
- Prepare candidates for the varied responsibilities of academic careers or other positions requiring research and analytical skills

The PhD degree normally consists of major and minor fields of study, plus supporting coursework. A minimum of 64 credit hours beyond the master's degree or 96 credit hours beyond the bachelor's degree are required. A typical PhD curriculum includes 24 credit hours in the major field, 24 credit hours of dissertation research and six to 12 hours in both the minor and supporting fields.

An examination at the completion of coursework is required before formal dissertation research begins. The exam consists of oral and written sections covering the major and minor fields of study.

A written dissertation exhibiting knowledge of the specialty area and the results of research must be submitted and defended before an advisory committee, invited faculty and other PhD students before the PhD degree is conferred. For more information, visit us at mays.tamu.edu/phd.

“The doctoral programs are an integral part of Mays Business School’s mission. Their success is critical to ours as a business school.”
- Bala Shetty
Executive Associate Dean
Mays Business School

Doctoral Program Goals by Department

Accounting's primary objective is to prepare students to conduct timely and relevant research that is publishable in the top academic journals.

Finance brings PhD students to the leading edge of knowledge in corporate finance and investments. Rigorous coursework and research provides an in-depth understanding of the theoretical and conceptual foundation in finance.

Information & Operations Management's program is research based, utilizing a systems approach stressing interrelations of the functional business areas and the importance of effective decision making with major emphasis on information and supply chain management.

Management offers research opportunities and rigorous coursework focused on cutting edge issues in management. Students specialize in one of four tracks: organizational behavior, human resource management, strategic management, or international business and public policy. Students also take minors in research methods/statistics and another field of their choosing (e.g., social psychology, economics, sociology).

Marketing offers rigorous coursework and research activities that provide an in-depth understanding of the theoretical, conceptual and managerial foundations of marketing, as well as the research methods and analytical procedures necessary for a successful academic research career.

AT A GLANCE

Texas A&M University
Graduate Admissions
Requirements

Minimum GMAT	n/a
Minimum GPA	
Master's	3.25
Bachelor's	3.00
Minimum TOEFL	
Paper based	600
Computer based	250

Application fee	
Domestic	\$50
International	\$90

Mays Doctoral Program	
Full-time students	71
% Male/Female	75/25
Years avg work exp	4

2012 Application Cycle	
Applied	392
Admitted	28
Enrolled	15

RESIDENCY

Residency on our campus is required. One major purpose of residency is experiencing the advantages of a university environment. Personal and professional interaction with faculty and other students is imperative for full development of intellectual competencies. Other advantages include access to computing resources, library facilities, laboratories, and opportunities to participate in seminars. Residency also allows faculty the opportunity to properly assess your professional development and competencies.

If you have earned a master's degree, the residency requirement is a minimum of one academic year. If beginning your doctoral program with a baccalaureate degree, the requirement is a minimum of two academic years. Most of our students are in residence for most, if not all, of their program.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES

Mays Business School has set high standards for admission into its PhD in business program. Each department considers multiple criteria when choosing candidates for admission, including: performance in previous degree programs, GMAT or GRE scores, letters of recommendation, business and teaching experience, evidence of research and writing accomplishments, and personal interviews.

2008-2012 PLACEMENTS INCLUDE

Abilene Christian University
Auburn University
Bentley University
Bowling Green University
California State University—East Bay
Chinese University of Hong Kong
Florida Atlantic University
Georgia Tech University
Indiana University
Kansas State University
Louisiana State University
Loyola Marymount-Los Angeles
McGill University
Miami University-Ohio
Nanyang Technological University
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Oklahoma State University
Oregon State University
Peking University HSBC Business School
Texas Tech University
United Arab Emirates University
University of Arizona

University of Arkansas
University of British Columbia-Okanagan
University of Central Florida
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Houston
University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Nebraska
University of New South Wales
University of Oklahoma
University of Pennsylvania (Wharton)
University of St. Thomas
University of South Florida
University of Tennessee-Knoxville
University of Texas at Arlington
University of Texas at Austin
University of Texas at Dallas
University of Texas at San Antonio
University of Seoul - Korea
West Texas A&M University

ABOUT MAYS BUSINESS SCHOOL

- Mays Business School was named in recognition of a \$15 million gift from Mr. Lowry Mays, founder of Clear Channel Communications.
- Mays has approximately 4,100 undergraduate students and more than 800 graduate students. Plus, Mays has approximately 50,000 alumni, many of whom hold executive positions at Fortune 500 companies.
- Along with the five academic departments of accounting, finance, information & operations management, marketing, and management, Mays has eight centers of excellence that combine curriculum development and delivery, faculty development, faculty support, and community outreach.

APPLY ONLINE AT MAYS.TAMU.EDU/GRADUATEAPPLICATION

December 10: *Early application submission by all PhD applicants, particularly those seeking funding opportunities, is strongly encouraged (U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents, and international). Submitting by December 10 allows applicants to be considered for all forms of financial support available; including university, Mays and department fellowships.*

April 15 - May 25: *Application closing begins as offers of admission are accepted.*

May 26: *Application closes to update application for the following year.*

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