

# Graduate Studies at Texas State



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**W**hether you want to grow in your career or simply expand your knowledge, the Graduate College at Texas State University-San Marcos can help. We offer nearly 100 specialized graduate degree programs that provide you with the opportunity to improve your life through advanced study, research and creative expression.

“Texas State has some of the best-known creative writing faculty in the country. The amount of time the faculty members spend working with the students is amazing. My first class here was with Tim O’Brien, and he went above and beyond, helping me with my novel, reading rewrites and even extra chapters, and giving me detailed feedback.”

**Saurabh Gupta**

Creative Writing Master’s Student  
Future Bestselling Author



“The Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic at Texas State far surpassed my expectations, and the faculty has impressed me. The clinical supervisors amaze me with how much they know and their ability to give straightforward insight and advice for case management. By bringing all this talent together, I feel the communication disorders program will prepare me to be an independent and savvy clinician, and it will help me hit the ground running with a broad background of experience and resources.”

**Rachel Marks**

Communication Disorders Master’s Student  
Future Speech-Language Pathologist

"I chose the graduate program in sociology at Texas State because it is one of the only applied research programs in the state. The faculty are the best. They make themselves available to students who really want to take advantage of their knowledge and experience."

### **Carlton Mathis**

Sociology Master's Student  
Future Professor and Researcher



#### **The University**

Texas State University-San Marcos, founded in 1899, is the largest university in The Texas State University System. With more than 30,000 students and nearly 200 degree programs, our university is also one of the largest in Texas.

At Texas State, we foster a culture of academic excellence and scholarship. Our nationally recognized graduate programs are relevant to our students' educational and career goals. Our cutting edge curricula give them a competitive edge in their career searches.

Our university's professors are nationally known for their scholarly research and teaching. Texas State is ranked second in the state for the number of faculty members who have been honored by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation for their superior teaching.

#### **Admission Requirements**

Admission requirements vary by program. For details on the requirements of programs that interest you, visit [www.gradcollege.txstate.edu](http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu) and select *Graduate Programs & Applications* from the Prospective Students drop-down menu.

#### **Costs and Financial Assistance**

At Texas State, we make every effort to keep our tuition rates affordable, and we offer a variety of scholarships, grants, loans and employment opportunities. For more information about scholarships and application deadlines, visit [www.gradcollege.txstate.edu](http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu) and click on *Financing Your Graduate Education*.

Help with obtaining loans and grants is available through Financial Aid and Scholarships. For information call 512.245.2315 or visit [www.finaid.txstate.edu](http://www.finaid.txstate.edu).

**The Graduate College at Texas State University-San Marcos is dedicated to providing you with an advanced education for your continued intellectual growth. We challenge your mind to develop your power of independent thought. We expand your professional expertise so you can become a leader in your field. We help you achieve greater effectiveness, both personally and professionally.**

## Two Convenient Locations

Many of Texas State's graduate programs are offered at both our main campus in San Marcos and at the Round Rock Higher Education Center. Both are conveniently located near Austin, less than two miles from Interstate (IH) 35. University bus service between Austin and San Marcos and San Antonio and San Marcos is available for a small fee. Buses are equipped with wireless Internet access, so you can work while you ride to class.

### San Marcos

Texas State University-San Marcos has overlooked downtown San Marcos for more than 100 years. With its tree-lined streets, 19th century homes and historic town square, San Marcos is steeped in history. But its central location — 30 miles south of Austin and 50 miles north of San Antonio — on the booming IH-35 corridor has made it a growing city that offers ever-increasing options for shopping, dining and recreation.

Our hilly campus is home to 225 buildings. Some, like the red-roofed, Victorian-style Old Main, are as old as the university itself. Others are cutting-edge facilities. The Mitte Complex houses a high-tech clean room in its microchip fabrication lab. McCoy Hall, with its corporate atmosphere, provides business students with high-tech classrooms, study rooms and even a stock-trading lab.

Our Alkek Library is home to more than 1.4 million printed volumes as well as the Southwestern Writers Collection and Wittliff Gallery of Southwestern & Mexican Photography. Known as the Wittliff Collections, the exhibits showcase rare artifacts and one of the world's most significant collections of Mexican contemporary photographic arts.

The second-largest springs in Texas, home to several endangered species, are located on our campus. The location of the springs makes Texas State the site of world-class research related to the geography and biology of freshwater systems.

### Round Rock

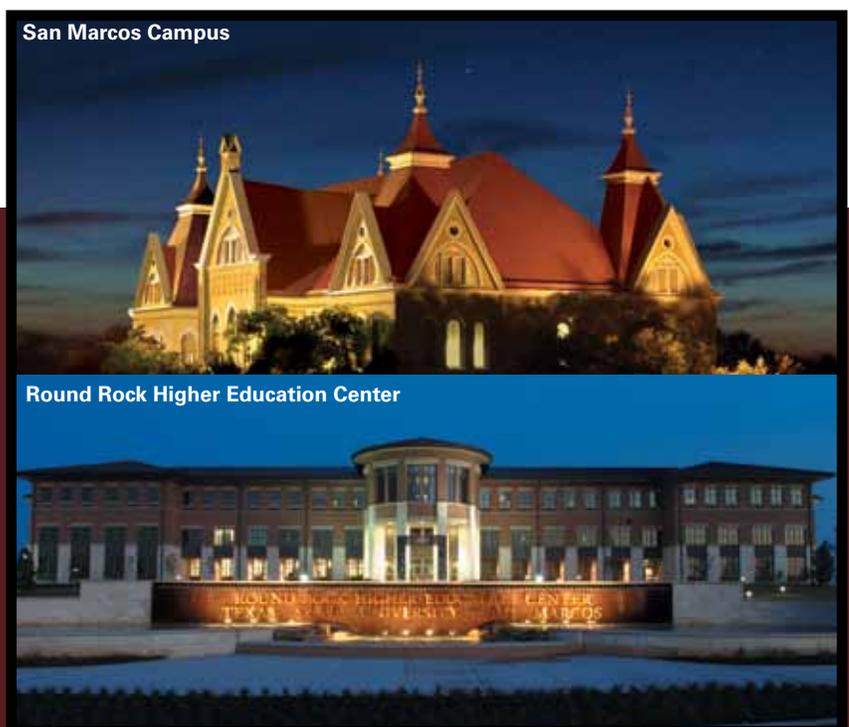
The Round Rock Higher Education Center is located just 20 miles north of Austin in Round Rock. Dating back to the 1850s, Round Rock has deep Texas roots. Today, Round Rock is known more as a bedroom community for those who work in Austin.

In recent years, Round Rock has been named one of the nation's safest cities, one of the best communities for young people, and one of the best cities for relocating families. Round Rock is also home to the Dell computers headquarters and Nolan Ryan's AAA baseball club, the Round Rock Express.

Classes at the Round Rock Higher Education Center are held in the Avery Building, completed in 2005. This four-story building houses 40 classrooms, five computer classrooms, two open computer labs and four computer lounges as well as a range of student and academic support services.

To attend classes at the Round Rock Higher Education Center, you must first apply and be accepted to Texas State University, just as you would to enroll at our main campus in San Marcos. See [www.rrhec.txstate.edu](http://www.rrhec.txstate.edu) for details.

**We cover  
the IH-35  
corridor**



# Agricultural Education

## Graduate Programs at Texas State

### Financial Aid

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*Texas State University-San Marcos is an equal opportunity educational institution. This information is available in alternate format upon request from the Office of Disability Services.*

# Financial Aid

Every year, Texas State University-San Marcos helps nearly 17,000 of our students finance their educations. In 2008, we awarded more than \$150 million in financial aid, including grants, work-study and student loans. We also gave more than \$7.6 million in scholarships to deserving students like you. Regardless of your resources, attending graduate school at Texas State is possible.

## Costs

At Texas State, we make every effort to keep our tuition rates affordable, and we offer a variety of scholarships, grants, loans and employment opportunities.

<b>Estimated Direct Costs for Graduate Study (Fall and Spring)</b>		
	Texas Resident	Nonresident
Tuition & Fees (10-hour semester)	\$6,170	\$11,710
Books & Supplies	\$850	\$850
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,020</b>	<b>\$12,560</b>

*Note: Costs listed are for 2009-10 and are subject to change. Visit [www.txstate.edu](http://www.txstate.edu) for the most up-to-date information.*

## Graduate Scholarships

The Graduate College is committed to providing scholarships. Our annual fundraiser, the Celebrity Classic, gives participants the opportunity to rub elbows with television, movie and sports personalities while raising money for graduate scholarships. And funds raised from our tuition increase several years ago went toward our scholarship program.

- Graduate Scholars Program/Celebrity Classic Scholarships (\$1,000 to \$2,500 per semester)
- Graduate College Scholarships (\$1,000 to \$2,500 per semester; each of Texas State's colleges awards multiple scholarships)
- \$10,000 to \$15,000 for graduate students in speech pathology or physical therapy who receive the Scholarship for Students from Disadvantaged Families

## Grants

- Up to \$1,800 per year for Texas residents with financial need
- Up to \$600 per year for nonresidents with financial need

"Receiving scholarships from the Graduate College at Texas State impacted my ability to pursue graduate studies on a very fundamental level. The best part was the fact that I received not one but several scholarships during my tenure at Texas State! I am proud to list these honors on my résumé because it shows how serious Texas State was in helping me achieve my graduate degree."

## Loans

- Up to \$8,500 in subsidized federal loans per academic year, depending on need
- Up to \$12,000 in unsubsidized federal loans per academic year (not to exceed a student's cost of attendance)

## Graduate Assistantships and Work-Study Funds

- Many of Texas State's departments offer graduate assistantships to help students fund their graduate education. Contact your prospective department for information.
- Federal work-study funds are available to graduate students who show financial need.

Visit [www.gradcollege.txstate.edu](http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu) and click on *Financing Your Graduate Education* for links to many other organizations that offer graduate students financial assistance, including scholarships, fellowships, internships and grants.

### Alice Navarro

Family and Child Studies Master's Student  
Future Program Evaluator



# Graduate Programs at Texas State

## Programs offered at the San Marcos campus

### Doctoral Programs

Aquatic Resources  
Criminal Justice  
Education – Adult, Professional and Community Education  
Education – School Improvement  
Geography – Environmental Geography  
Geography – Geographic Education  
Geography – Geographic Information Science  
Mathematics Education  
Physical Therapy

### Master's Programs

#### College of Applied Arts

Agricultural Education  
Criminal Justice  
Family and Child Studies\*  
Human Nutrition  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Management of Technical Education  
Social Work – Administration/Supervision Practice  
Social Work – Direct Practice

#### McCoy College of Business Administration

Accounting\*  
Accounting and Information Technology  
Business Administration\*

#### College of Education

Athletic Training

Counseling and Guidance\*  
Developmental and Adult Education  
Educational Leadership\*  
Educational Technology  
Elementary Education\*  
Elementary Education – Bilingual/Bicultural  
Health Education  
Physical Education\*  
Professional Counseling\*  
Reading Education  
Recreation and Leisure Services – Recreation Management  
Recreation and Leisure Services – Therapeutic Recreation  
School Psychology  
Secondary Education\*  
Special Education

#### College of Fine Arts and Communication

Communication Design  
Communication Studies  
Mass Communication\*  
Music\*  
Music Education\*  
Theatre\*

#### College of Health Professions

Communication Disorders  
Health Services Research  
Healthcare Administration  
Healthcare Human Resources

## College of Liberal Arts

Anthropology  
Applied Sociology  
Creative Writing\*  
Geography  
Geography – Geographic Information Science  
Geography – Land/Area Development and Management  
Geography – Resource and Environmental Studies  
Health Psychology\*  
History\*  
International Studies  
Legal Studies  
Legal Studies – Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Legal Studies – Environmental Law  
Legal Studies – Legal Administration  
Literature  
Political Science  
Public Administration  
Rhetoric and Composition  
Sociology  
Spanish  
Technical Communication

## College of Science

Aquatic Resources  
Biochemistry  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Computer Science  
Industrial Mathematics  
Industrial Technology\*  
Materials Physics  
Mathematics  
Middle School Mathematics Teaching  
Physics  
Population and Conservation Biology  
Software Engineering  
Wildlife Ecology

\* Offers areas of specialization

**For full descriptions of degree programs, visit [www.gradcollege.txstate.edu](http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu).**

## Programs offered at the Round Rock Higher Education Center

### Master's Programs

Business Administration  
Computer Science  
Counseling and Guidance  
Educational Leadership\*  
Elementary Education  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Management of Technical Education  
Professional Counseling  
Public Administration  
Software Engineering  
Technical Communication

### Certificate Programs

Certification and Master's in Education  
Certified Public Manager (continuing education credit)  
Computer Science  
Healthcare Administration  
Mediation  
Professional Ethics  
Public Administration  
Teacher Recruitment Program

**For more information on graduate programs at the RRHEC, visit [www.rrhec.txstate.edu](http://www.rrhec.txstate.edu).**



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# Agricultural Education



**T**he master of education program offered through the Department of Agriculture at Texas State University-San Marcos prepares students to work as professionals in the agriculture industry, in leadership and management positions, and in secondary schools and adult education.

The department offers an emphasis on teaching development with research possibilities. Our campus is located near Freeman Ranch, a 3,500-acre, university-operated teaching and research ranch that provides a unique learning environment.

Agriculture education has a long history at this university. When Southwest Texas State Normal School (now Texas State University) was created in 1899, it was charged with the responsibility of teaching agriculture to teachers who were training to work in rural schools. The first classes were held in 1909, and the agriculture department began offering a master of education degree in the 1970s.

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## Course Work

A thesis or non-thesis degree may be selected.

The curriculum consists of 36 hours, with 21 hours in agricultural education and 15 hours in an integrated minor. The thesis counts as six hours toward the 21-hour agricultural education requirement.

In addition, three hours are required in research and analysis as part of the 21 hours. The major and supportive courses are to be taken on the recommendation and approval of the student's advisory committee, which consists of three or more faculty selected with the help of the graduate advisor.

Agriculture courses include:

- Instructional Skill Development
- Advancements in Animal Science
- Problems in Technical Agriculture

Agricultural education courses include:

- Problems in Teaching Vocational Agriculture
- Administration and Supervision of Vocational Education
- Adult Education Program Development and Methods
- History and Principles of Vocational Education
- Diffusion of Innovations
- Research Methods in Vocational Education
- Guidance
- Curriculum Development of Vocational Programs
- Advanced Farm Power and Machinery
- Agricultural Structures Design
- Advanced Welding Processes and Designs
- Thesis

## Admission Policy

In addition to the general requirements for admission to the Texas State Graduate College, the Department of Agriculture requires a bachelor's degree with a 2.75 GPA during the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work. Conditional admission is available to students with a 2.50 GPA on the last 60 hours and a preferred GRE score of 950 (verbal and quantitative combined). All applicants must also submit three letters of reference (at least two from academia) to the department.

Each applicant also must submit the following to the Graduate College at Texas State:

- an official Texas State Graduate College application form
- one official transcript from each college or university attended, including community colleges
- official results of the verbal/quantitative sections of the GRE if your GPA is between 2.5 and 2.74 for the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work. Preferred score is 950.

Visit [www.gradcollege.txstate.edu](http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu) for access to an online application and additional details. Applications must be submitted by June 15 for the fall semester, October 15 for the spring semester, April 15 for summer I and June 1 for summer II.

## Career Options

Many of our graduates work in public schools as teachers, principals and superintendents. But most work in agriculture education, for the Cooperative Extension Service, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, or in other agricultural professions and enterprises.

## Financial Assistance

Graduate assistantships and scholarships are available through the Department of Agriculture. Graduate students may work as laboratory instructors or faculty research assistants. Stipends are available on a competitive basis. Out-of-state student recipients of university stipends are eligible for resident tuition rates. Send your application letter, statement of reasons for graduate study, and two reference letters under separate cover to the graduate advisor in the Department of Agriculture by March 31 for fall assistantships. For students seeking admission at other times, assistantship awards will be made if funds are available. The awards are based on scholastic achievement.

For more information about scholarships, financial aid and application deadlines, visit the Graduate College Web site at [www.gradcollege.txstate.edu](http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu) and click on *Financing Your Graduate Education*.

## Contact

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“*‘Terrified’ is the only feeling I felt when I walked back in a classroom after seven years. If it weren’t for the small family atmosphere of the Agriculture Department, I probably wouldn’t have transitioned as quickly as I did. The faculty and students really made me feel I was part of the family. I am thankful every day that I decided to come back to school, and I am even more thankful that I chose the Texas State University Department of Agriculture as my home for the next two years.*”

— Jennifer Smith  
Agricultural Education master's student

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