

1. Title

Guidelines for Cooperative Use of Courses and Facilities with Texas A&M University

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Purpose. Establishment of a simplified procedure for the cooperative use of courses and facilities in graduate education to allow graduate students from The University of Texas System or Texas A&M University to benefit from the laboratory facilities and/or graduate course offerings unique to each institution.

Sec. 2 Background. The following guidelines were developed with representatives from The Texas A&M University System and the concept was approved by the offices of General Counsel in both systems for transmission to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Participation in the program will be voluntary and operating details will be written by the graduate deans and approved by the presidents of the institutions concerned.

Sec. 3 Cooperative Use. A graduate student from one institution may study at a cooperating institution with its sister System when there exists a unique educational opportunity related to the student's program and interest (laboratory or course), but only with the consent of the instructor or director of the laboratory and when all concerned recognize that it is in the best interest of all parties. Such arrangements are contingent on space being readily available in the laboratory or course.

Sec. 4 Registration. The graduate student will maintain registration only at the home institution. Credit for any course or work taken at an institution with its sister System will be through student registration in an appropriate course at the home institution (such as graduate special problems). The graduate dean of the sister institution will certify the course grade to the graduate dean of the home institution by letter or on a form adopted for this purpose.

Sec. 5 Compliance. Graduate students doing work at a sister System institution will comply with all appropriate rules of the sister institution.

- Sec. 6 Fees. Graduate students will pay all applicable fees at the home institution, but none at the cooperating sister system institution. It is anticipated that the number of students participating in this program will be small and that the paperwork associated with money exchanges will not justify such a practice.
- Sec. 7 Financial Assistance. Students on a fellowship or receiving financial assistance at the home institution may continue receiving such assistance, if otherwise appropriate, while doing research in a laboratory or taking courses with its sister system institution, but will not at the same time receive financial support from the sister system institution. The cooperating sister system institution assumes no financial responsibility for the student.
- Sec. 8 Operating Details. Other operating details which may be needed will be worked out within these guidelines by the graduate deans of the individual cooperating institutions with the approval of the presidents of the institutions concerned.
- 3. Definitions**
- None
- 4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes**
- None
- 5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms**
- Regents' Rules and Regulations, [Rule 50701](#) – Visiting U. T. System Students Program*
- 6. Who Should Know**
- Administrators
Faculty
Students
- 7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule**
- Office of Academic Affairs

8. Dates Approved or Amended

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9. Contact Information

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