

M.S. with thesis



- Establish a committee (minimum 3 members, one must be outside of PSS).
- First committee meeting held no later than the end of the first semester. At this time establish a degree plan.
- Minimum of 30 credit hours of graduate coursework (18 hours formal coursework + 6 hours research (PSS 7000) + 6 hours Master's thesis (PSS 6000)) .
- Only classes numbered 5000 or above acceptable.
- No more than 6 hours of titled individual studies are permitted.
- 3 hours of PSS 6000 are mandatory the semester you defend.
- Once you begin to take PSS 6000 you cannot stop. You have to take a minimum of 1 hour each semester until you graduate. Do not begin to take PSS 6000 hours too early.
- A minimum of 6 hours of PSS 6000 is mandatory.
- You should maintain an average grade of “B” or better.
- If you have an assistantship you must register for at least 9 hours each long semester and 3 hours each summer semester.
- PSS 5100 (Seminar) is mandatory (once per degree).

For more information go to:

- PSS Graduate Handbook
<http://www.pssc.ttu.edu/ProgramPages/Files/grad%20handbook.pdf>
- Graduate School
<http://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/current/MastersHowTo.php>

M.S. without thesis



- Only available in Crop Science and Horticulture.
- Establish a committee (minimum 3 members, one must be outside of PSS).
- First committee meeting held no later than the end of the first semester. At this time establish a degree plan.
- Minimum of 36 credit hours of graduate coursework plus any leveling classes (undergraduate) deemed necessary by the committee.
- Only classes numbered 5000 or above acceptable for graduate credit.
- No more than 6 hours of titled individual studies are permitted.
- A minimum of 12 hours must be formal PSS classes.
- You should maintain an average grade of “B” or better.
- Comprehensive exam is mandatory.

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Ph.D.



- Establish a committee (minimum 5 members, two must be outside of PSS).
- First committee meeting held no later than the end of the first semester. At this time establish a degree plan.
- Minimum of 60 credit hours of graduate coursework exclusive of dissertation.
- Only classes numbered 5000 or above acceptable.
- No more than 6 hours of individual studies or research hours can be counted toward the 60 hours.
- Only formal coursework from the Master's degree can be counted toward the 60 hours (typically 18 hours).
- 3 hours of PSS 8000 are mandatory the semester you defend.
- Once you begin to take PSS 8000 you cannot stop. You have to take a minimum of 1 hour each semester until you graduate. Do not begin to take PSS 8000 hours too early.
- A minimum of 12 hours of PSS 8000 is mandatory.
- You should maintain an average grade of "B" or better.
- If you have an assistantship you must register for at least 9 hours each long semester and 3 hours each summer semester.
- PSS 5100 (Seminar) is mandatory (once per degree).

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