

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The Master of Science in Project Management program (MS in PM) is targeted toward professionals engaged in managing the project life cycle in organizations and industries, who face challenges of introducing new products and services in rapidly changing environments.

These professionals must draw upon a host of knowledge, skills, and abilities, as well as on sophisticated technological tools and techniques, to meet project requirements. The program will enable students to develop these competencies, and prepare them for effective project management, both functionally and strategically, and will address all aspects of the product life cycle from design to delivery and cash collection.

In addition, the program will prepare students for certification by the Project Management Institute (PMI), the premier certifying organization for the project management discipline.

The MS in PM degree requires completion of 36 graduate hours and can be completed online.

**Additional information:** Reference the Program Landing Page (<https://www.shsu.edu/programs/graduate/project-management/>) for additional information, such as cost, delivery format, contact information, or to schedule a visit.

Applicants seeking admission to the Master of Science in Project Management program must:

1. Complete the online graduate application form (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>).
2. Pay the application fee (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>).

Additionally, applicants must submit the following material directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions:

1. Official transcript(s) from all previous college work (except SHSU graduates).
2. An official GMAT score. **Undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or higher allows for a comprehensive review of academic performance and consideration for a GMAT waiver.**
3. A current resume.
4. An essay (please see "Admission Criteria" for more information about the essay).

## Graduate Application Deadlines

### U.S. Citizens

Fall - August 1  
Spring - December 1  
Summer - May 15

### International Students

Fall - June 25  
Spring - November 12  
Summer - April 9

## Admission Criteria

1. Meet or exceed the following admission formula:
  - a.  $200 (\text{Undergraduate GPA}) + \text{GMAT Score} \geq 1200$ <sup>1</sup>
2. Demonstrate a minimum of three (3) years' significant managerial and professional experience<sup>2</sup>
3. Submit an essay about a project management experience and aspirations that clearly communicates why the student is pursuing this degree. (500 words or less, Times New Roman, 12 point font size). Essays should be submitted to the Office of Graduate Admissions.
4. Additional Requirements (Applicants with Bachelor's Degree from Outside the U.S.)
  - a. Official GMAT score of at least 500.
  - b. TOEFL score of at least 79, IELTS score of at least 6.5, or Duolingo EPT score of at least 105.
  - c. English translation and evaluation of Official transcripts.
5. GMAT Waiver Requests
  - a. Undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or higher allows for a comprehensive review of academic performance and consideration for a GMAT waiver.
  - b. Seven (7) years significant managerial and professional experience allows for consideration for a GMAT waiver<sup>2</sup>.
  - c. Applicants who have an undergraduate degree granted by a non-U.S. institution will not be considered for a GMAT waiver.

<sup>1</sup> The Undergraduate GPA is the GPA from courses taken at the degree granting institution. Transfer grades are not used in the computation.

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<sup>2</sup> Normally, the required experience is earned after completion of the undergraduate degree. A committee will assist, if needed, in determining if the applicant's experience meets the "significant managerial and professional experience" threshold.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Master of Science in Project Management</b>		
<b>Specified Courses</b>		
MGMT 5315	Seminar Operations Management	3
MGMT 5318	Quality Management	3
MGMT 5323	Tools of Project Management	3
MGMT 5325	Project Management	3
MGMT 5330	Operations Planning & Control	3
MGMT 5338	Project Management Capstone <sup>1</sup>	3
MGMT 5345	Seminar In Team Leadership	3
MGIS 5360	Project Management for Business Systems Development	3
Electives (Choose 4 from below)		12
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup> MGMT 5338 is the capstone course that satisfies the comprehensive exam requirement. A grade of B or better is required for graduation.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Project Management Electives</b>		
Select four from the following:		12
MGMT 5320	Management of Innovation and Technology	
MGMT 5327	Agile Project Management	
MGMT 5350	Leading Organizational Change and Development	
MGMT 5355	Seminar in Human Resource Management	
MGMT 5360	Staffing Organizations	

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The MS in Project Management is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Critical thinking.
- Communication, both oral and written.
- Decision making.