

Expectations of Environmental Engineering M.S. and Ph.D. Students

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Introduction

This is a lot of work to earn a graduate degree. Your life will

revolve around your research and studies, and most students spend a minimum of 50-60 hours a week working on graduate research and academics. To give you an idea of important characteristics to be a successful graduate student, the table on the following page compares mediocre students to outstanding students. Mediocre students are not good researchers and may struggle both academically and professionally. Of course, you were admitted to Graduate School at TAMUK because of your top-ranked qualifications and character references, which were reviewed by the faculty and judged to be outstanding enough to meet these high standards.

Finally, do not think graduate school is all hard work and toil. It can and should be one of the best experiences of your life. You will have opportunities that you will not find in any other setting; you will make new friends from across the globe; and you will learn, if you have not already, that

