Troy University is a public institution comprised of a network of campuses throughout Alabama and worldwide. International in scope, Troy University provides a variety of educational programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels for a diverse student body in traditional, nontraditional, and emerging electronic formats. Academic programs are supported by a variety of student services which promote the welfare of the individual student. Troy University's dedicated faculty and staff promote discovery and exploration of knowledge and its application to life-long success through effective teaching, service, creative partnerships, scholarship and research.

The Graduate School

Authorized by the State Board of Education, Troy University, then known as Troy State College, offered its first master's degree program in 1957 and awarded the first master's degree in education in 1958. Since that time Troy University has continued to meet the needs of its graduate students, and now the Graduate School offers advanced degrees in the colleges of education, business, the arts and sciences, and health and human services.

The purpose of the Graduate School is to provide quality, accessible degree programs that respond to the needs of the University's constituency for professional development and educational enrichment. The degree offerings reflect a wide range of master's degrees and a selected number of specialist programs that serve students and practitioners throughout this region and at site locations globally.

A purpose further exists to provide educational services for the larger community, especially graduate and advanced education for adult students.

Through the various degree programs, the Graduate School provides an academic environment conducive to the maximum development of students. This unit of the university provides quality programs to students and the larger community through the utilization of staff and facilities and through research, superior teaching, scholarship, and public service.

The goals of graduate study are:
1. to develop the professional skills and academic competencies of students;
2. to prepare students for research and further graduate study;
3. to promote the development of intellectual inquiry and the desire for life-long learning.

Organization and Administration of the Graduate School

The Graduate School of Troy University is under the general supervision of the Graduate Council. The Executive Vice Chancellor/Provost and Dean of the Graduate School serve as ex officio members of the Council. The Council is organized to provide for systematic examination, approval, and evaluation of all curricular offerings and degree requirements. All policies and regulations affecting graduate curricular and degree programs are formulated by the Graduate Council.