UNIVERSITY STUDIES - BS, TOURISM AND COASTAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONCENTRATION

Overview

The Department of Liberal Studies offers a University Studies degree with a concentration in Tourism and Coastal Community Development. The Tourism and Coastal Community Development (TCCD) concentration transforms Texas A&M University Galveston campus students into a new class of professionals with the knowledge and skills to help coastal communities progress, while maintaining sound ecological and environmental practices. Such thinking involves an interdisciplinary approach that engenders creative and critical thinking about such issues as maritime public policy, communication, marine science, sociology, and ecology.

Students selecting the TCCD concentration graduate from Texas A&M University Galveston campus with a Bachelor of Science in University Studies, with the capability to guide industry and community toward a path that is both sustainable and economically beneficial.

The goal of the TCCD concentration is to instill a host of skills important to gaining meaningful careers in the growing fields of tourism and community affairs. TCCD career opportunities include:

- Ecotourism
- Coastal community planning and development
- Environmental policy and legislative affairs
- Sports tourism
- Convention and tourism offices
- Hospitality industry liaison
- Tourism sociological impact researcher
- Ecological economics
- NGOs and international social justice legal centers
- Congressional and legislative assistant
- And, many others

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Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)

Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)

Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)

Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)

American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)

POLS 206 American National Government 3

POLS 207 State and Local Government 3

Minor 1 15-18

Minor 2 15-18

General electives 3 18-24

Total Semester Credit Hours 120

1 Required the first semester in the TCC Program.
2 Select from COMM 365/JOUR 365; ECON 202; MARS 280, MARS 423; MAST 425, MAST 484, PHIL 314; POLS 232, POLS 340; RPTS 331, RPTS 340, RPTS 360, RPTS 423; SOCI 312, SOCI 328, SOCI 484.
3 Hours must be in 100-499 courses not used elsewhere.
4 All University Studies degree plans require at least 120 hours for completion. A University Studies Degree consists of a concentration of 21-24 hours and two minors of 15-18 hours each. Specific courses may be required for the completion of the hours in the concentrations and minors. Some concentrations and minors contain required courses that have additional prerequisites. One of the two minors must be completed in a college outside of the college that provides the concentration for the student’s degree.