

# UNIVERSITY STUDIES - BS, ARTS AND SCIENCES CONCENTRATION

The Bachelor of Science in University Studies, Arts and Sciences area of concentration, enables students to craft a personalized interdisciplinary program of study that provides a solid foundation, advanced knowledge and perspective on complex issues pertaining to both Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Students will be able to acquire communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills that are critical for lifelong learning and for a broad variety of career paths in today's complex job market. The area of concentration in this degree plan gives complete flexibility to design a course of study, as long as classes are selected from 300- or 400-level offerings from one of our Departments. Two minors are required. Lastly, one full year of a foreign language is part of the program.

This program is approved to be offered at the Texas A&M Higher Education Center in McAllen, Texas.

## Program Requirements

### First Year

	<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>
<b>Fall</b>	
American history ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history</a> )	3
Communication ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication</a> )	3
Life and physical sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> )	3
Mathematics ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics</a> )	3
Foreign language <sup>1</sup>	4
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
American history ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history</a> )	3
Communication ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication</a> )	3
Life and physical sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> )	3
Mathematics ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics</a> )	3
Foreign language <sup>1</sup>	4
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

### Second Year

<b>Fall</b>	
Government/Political science ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science</a> )	3
Language, philosophy and culture ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture</a> )	3
Life and physical sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences</a> )	3
Minor 1 <sup>2</sup>	3
Minor 2 <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
Creative arts ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts</a> )	3
Government/Political science ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science</a> )	3
Social and behavioral sciences ( <a href="http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences">http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences</a> )	3
Minor 1 <sup>2</sup>	3
Minor 2 <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Third Year</b>	
<b>Fall</b>	
Science directed elective <sup>3</sup>	3
Science directed elective <sup>3</sup>	3
Minor 1 <sup>2</sup>	3
Minor 2 <sup>2</sup>	3
General elective <sup>4</sup>	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
Science directed elective <sup>3</sup>	3
Science directed elective <sup>3</sup>	3
Minor 1 <sup>2</sup>	3
Minor 2 <sup>2</sup>	3
General elective <sup>4</sup>	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>	
<b>Fall</b>	
Science directed elective <sup>3</sup>	3
Science directed elective <sup>3</sup>	3
Minor 1 <sup>2</sup>	3
Minor 2 <sup>2</sup>	3
General elective <sup>4</sup>	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
Science directed elective <sup>3</sup>	3
Minor 1 <sup>2</sup>	3
Minor 2 <sup>2</sup>	3

General elective <sup>4</sup>	4
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> Complete two consecutive semesters of the same foreign language.

<sup>2</sup> Minors must be declared in consultation with the major advisor.

<sup>3</sup> Select from ASTR 300-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/ast/>); BIOL 300-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/biol/>); CHEM 300-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/chem/>); MATH 300-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/math/>); PHYS 300-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/phys/>); STAT 300-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/stat/>).

<sup>4</sup> Any 100-499 courses not used elsewhere.

Graduation requirements include 3 hours of International and Cultural Diversity (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/>) courses. A course satisfying a core category, a college/department requirement, or a free elective can be used to satisfy this requirement. The required 6 hours may be met by courses satisfying other areas of a degree program. See your academic advisor for further information.