

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

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

Second Year

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

General elective ⁴	4
Semester Credit Hours	13
Total Semester Credit Hours	120

¹ Complete two consecutive semesters of the same foreign language.

² Minors must be declared in consultation with the major advisor.

³ Select from ASTR 300-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/astr/>); 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/>).

⁴ 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.