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; one from the College of Liberal Arts and one from the College of Science. 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**

**Fall**
- American history [Link](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history) 3
- Communication [Link](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication) 3
- Life and physical sciences [Link](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences) 3
- Mathematics [Link](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics) 3
- Foreign language 1

Semester Credit Hours 16

**Spring**
- American history [Link](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history) 3
- Communication [Link](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication) 3
- Life and physical sciences [Link](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences) 3
- Mathematics [Link](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics) 3
- Foreign language 1

Semester Credit Hours 16

**Second Year**

**Fall**
- Government/Political science [Link](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science) 3
- Language, philosophy and culture [Link](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture) 3
- Life and physical sciences [Link](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences) 3
- LA Minor 2
- SC Minor 2

Semester Credit Hours 15

**Spring**
- Creative arts [Link](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts) 3
- Government/Political science [Link](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science) 3
- Social and behavioral sciences [Link](http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences) 3
- LA Minor 2
- SC Minor 2

Semester Credit Hours 15

**Third Year**

**Fall**
- Science directed elective 3
- Science directed elective 3
- LA Minor 2
- SC Minor 2
- General elective 4

Semester Credit Hours 15

**Spring**
- Science directed elective 3
- Science directed elective 3
- LA Minor 2
- SC Minor 2
- General elective 4

Semester Credit Hours 15

**Fourth Year**

**Fall**
- Science directed elective 3
- Science directed elective 3
- LA Minor 2
- SC Minor 2
- General elective 4

Semester Credit Hours 15

**Spring**
- Science directed elective 3
- LA Minor 2
- SC Minor 2

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1. Complete two consecutive semesters of the same foreign language.
2. One minor must be chosen from the College of Liberal Arts and one from the College of Science. Minors must be declared in consultation with the major advisor.
3. Select from ASTR 300-499; BIOL 300-499; CHEM 300-499; MATH 300-499; PHYS 300-499; STAT 300-499.
4. Any 100-499 courses not used elsewhere.

Graduation requirements include 3 hours of International and Cultural Diversity courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse 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.