

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

The College of Liberal Arts offers undergraduate and graduate study in the humanities and the social sciences. The College strives to prepare students for productive lives in a diverse multicultural world by developing intellectual and creative, communication, and critical thinking skills. It provides majors and minors in specialized subjects in the humanities and social sciences. Teaching provides advanced knowledge and skills in a setting that emphasizes interaction among students and faculty. The College seeks to develop habits of learning and a commitment to lifelong inquiry and intellectual growth.

College of Liberal Arts

- Our college values learning that results from purposeful relationships within vibrant and dynamic communities.
- Our college values learning that affects the whole individual through all aspects of our humanity (from the emotive to the rational).
- Our college values learning that produces responsible citizens who engage in the communities around them.
- Our college values learning that engages in research and produces scholarship which extends knowledge and, through this, our regional, national, and global reputations.

Pre-Law

Pre-law students should consult with a pre-law advisor about the proper selection of a major and of elective courses. Students may choose to minor in pre-law, but it is not a requirement to obtain pre-law advising. Advising includes providing information about law schools, admission requirements, and the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT).

Baccalaureate Degree Requirements

Total Hours

A minimum of 120 semester hours of credit is required for the baccalaureate degree. Some curricula or combinations of fields require more. No remedial coursework may apply toward the degree.

Upper-Division Hours

A minimum of 45 semester hours of upper-division credit (junior- and senior-level course hours) is required for the baccalaureate degree.

Major-Study Requirements

A student must attain a minimum of 30 semester hours in the major field of study, not including any coursework taken as part of the Core Curriculum Program. At least 18 of these 30 hours must be upper-division (numbered 3000 or above) courses. Some curricula or combinations of fields require more. Specific course and major-study hour requirements for each discipline are given in the discipline course listing section of this catalog. Please consult that section for specific requirements that must be met for each disciplinary major. The BA and BS in University Studies and the BAAS degree do not have these requirements.

Minor-Study Requirements

To attain a minor in the College of Liberal Arts, a student must complete the program designed for that minor. Each minor consists of a minimum of 18 semester hours, at least 12 semester hours of which must be at the upper-division level. Some specific fields may require more. Only 6 semester hours that count towards a major may be applied to a minor or certificate. At least 9 semester hours in the minor must be

taken in residence at A&M-Corpus Christi. The student must have an overall GPA of 2.0 in the minor field. Specific course and major-study hour requirements for each discipline are given in the discipline course listing section of this catalog. Please consult that section for specific requirements that must be met for each disciplinary minor. Requirements for interdisciplinary minors are listed in this section of the catalog.

Course Requirements

Students are expected to meet all course requirements indicated in the course syllabus.

Residence Requirement

The term "residence" is here defined as "coursework completed at the degree granting institution." To be granted a baccalaureate degree from A&M-Corpus Christi, a student must successfully complete at least 30 semester hours of upper-division coursework from this university. A minimum of 12 hours of these 30 must be in the major. Hours earned by credit by examination may not be used to fulfill the residence requirement. Hours earned through credit by examination at another institution will likewise not affect the residence requirement calculation.

Grade-Point Average

A minimum grade-point average of 2.0 ("C") on a 4-point scale in all work taken at this University is required for graduation. Additionally, a minimum grade-point average of 2.0 ("C") is required in all courses applied to the student's declared major field of study, and in all courses applied to any declared minor field of study for conferral of degree. Individual disciplinary fields, however, may set higher standards than the College minimum for their majors and minors.

Activity Courses

A maximum of 4 semester hours of Kinesiology activity coursework may be included as elective credit in the BA and BS degree programs.

General Education Requirement

Students must meet the University's General Education requirements, which include the 42 hour core curriculum (see sections entitled "Undergraduate Programs (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-programs/>)" and "Core Curriculum Program (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/university-college/programs/core-curriculum-program/>)") and University Seminar.

College Language Requirement

All students majoring in degree programs offered by this college, other than the BAAS or BA and BS in University Studies, are required to take 6 college-level hours of a second language. Placement in a language course will be at the student's proficiency level as determined by an assessment test, if available at the College of Liberal Arts. Students may also obtain credit by any of the alternative means described below. Language means a language in the traditional sense, i.e., a language with a culture, such as Spanish or French. American Sign Language is accepted. Language does not include artificial or computer languages.

One may satisfy this requirement in one of two ways:

1. earning a CLEP, AP, or ACTFL test score equivalent to one year of language study at A&M-Corpus Christi;
2. successfully completing two semesters of a single foreign language at the University.

Spanish Placement Test

If students decide to meet this requirement by taking two semesters in Spanish at this university, they must take the Spanish Placement test prior to registering in order to enroll in the appropriate language course. The test will be used to determine whether the student should register for Spanish 1311, 1312, 2311, 2313 or any upper division Spanish classes. This test does not give you university credits, nor does it provide a waiver for the requirement. The test is free of charge to registered TAMU-CC students and can be taken from any computer with network access to TAMU-CC's Learning Management System. After taking the test, students will be contacted via the Learning Management System. Soon after taking and submitting the test, students will be contacted with information about the most appropriate class for them based on their test results.

Students who score 1-40 will be automatically placed in SPAN 1311. Those who score 41-60 will be automatically placed in SPAN 1312. Finally, students with scores 61 and above will be evaluated by Spanish faculty, who will contact students with further information about appropriate course placement and registration.

Further information about the Spanish Placement Test can be obtained from the Spanish Program (<https://www.tamucc.edu/liberal-arts/departments/humanities/spanish/>) in the College of Liberal Arts or by visiting its web site under Spanish Placement Test (<https://www.tamucc.edu/liberal-arts/departments/humanities/spanish/placement-test-instructions.php>).

All ARAB, CHIN, FREN, GERM, and SPAN courses will meet this requirement.

International students may also complete the Foreign Language requirement the following ways:

- International students who have successfully passed the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score of 550 or higher, scored a 6.5 or higher on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or have successfully completed the English as a Second Language International (ESLI) course of study may elect to choose English as their second language to meet the above requirement.
- International and naturalized students who have provided proof of completion of high school in a foreign language (their native language) and who have successfully completed the Communication core component requirements of the University Core Curriculum Program may choose English as their second language. English is considered to be the first language for all other students.
- International and naturalized students who have provided proof of completion of the International Pathway Program and who have successfully completed the Communication core component requirements of the University Core Curriculum Program may choose English as their second language. English is considered to be the first language for all other students.

Degree Plan

The degree plan is the formal statement of requirements that must be completed before a degree will be granted. When the student is prepared to declare a major program of study within a particular discipline, the student should prepare a formal degree plan. It is recommended that the student have decided on a major program of study and prepare a degree plan no later than the second semester of the sophomore year. If the student is transferring into the University at a point after the second

semester of the sophomore year, it is recommended that a degree plan be prepared during the student's first semester of residence.

Degree plans are prepared in the Islander Advising Center (IAC). The University uses an online Degree Audit system. Any amendment must be approved by the Department Chair and the Office of the Dean. All courses and requirements specified in the final degree plan audit must be completed before a degree will be granted.

Interdisciplinary Minors

In order to fulfill the general objectives of Liberal Arts, the College offers a number of interdisciplinary minors. Minors require a minimum of 18 semester hours beyond the Core, a minimum of 12 semester hours at the upper-division level, and a minimum of 9 semester hours in residence. See alphabetized program listing for descriptions of the following interdisciplinary minors:

- Black Studies (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/black-studies-minor/>)
- Latin American Studies (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/latin-american-studies-minor/>)
- Mexican American Studies (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/mexican-american-studies-minor/>)
- Pre-Law (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/pre-law-minor/>)
- Social Work (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/social-work-minor/>)
- Spanish (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/spanish-minor/>)
- Technical and Professional Writing (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/technical-professional-writing-minor/>)
- Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/women-gender-sexuality-studies-minor/>)

For a description of the Minor in Geography, please see the College of Engineering and Computer Science (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/engineering/>) section of this catalog. For a description of the Minor in Public Relations, please see School of Arts, Media & Communication (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/arts-media-communication/>) section of this catalog.

Teacher Certification Programs

Students seeking certification in secondary fields or in all levels in Spanish must major in an approved teaching field and complete all major study and related requirements for a baccalaureate degree in that field. Students must also meet teacher certification requirements as stipulated by the College of Education and Human Development. Students are urged to consult the Certification Office of the College of Education and Human Development for complete and current information about teacher certification requirements.

Major study programs in the College of Liberal Arts offering teacher certification are:

- English
 - English Language Arts/Reading - Grades 7-12
 - English Language Arts/Reading - Grades 4-8

- History
 - History Grades 7-12
 - Social Studies Grades 7-12
 - Social Studies Grades 4-8
- Spanish
 - Spanish Grades EC-12

Major study and course requirements for teacher certification are detailed in the discipline course listing sections of this catalog. For more information regarding teacher certification, please consult the College of Education and Human Development (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/education-human-development/>) section of this catalog.

In addition to the academic specializations discussed above, teacher certification programs require the following in general education and professional development:

Code	Title	Hours
	Core Curriculum Program	42 hrs
	University Seminar (if required)	0-2 hrs
	Professional Development Courses	27-30 hrs

Please see the Certification Office in the College of Education and Human Development for Professional Development courses needed for certifications.

Grade Point Average

A minimum grade point average of 2.75 in all academic work or last 60 hours of attempted coursework, and no grade below "C" in education courses within the professional education block of courses, is required. (See College of Education and Human Development, "Admission to Teacher Education" and "Admission to Student Teaching" for other requirements.) Specific disciplines may require a higher GPA in the field of study than a 2.75. Please refer to the specific certification discipline for GPA requirement in the subject of field.

Certification Examination

Upon satisfactory completion of all subject field and professional development courses, a student may register for the subject field certification examination, called TExES (Texas Examinations of Educator Standards). A student wishing to take the TExES prior to program completion must satisfy the following:

1. Make pre-specified acceptable scores on TExES practice tests, or departmental equivalent, and participate in practice test review and analysis session.
2. Provide official permit with signature of Program Coordinator or designated person for each teaching field on the student's certification plan.

Alteration of a Certification Plan

Any amendment to a degree plan originally filed must be approved by the student's academic advisor, the Department Chair, and the Certification Officer of the College of Education and Human Development for the degree to be granted.

Special Courses

Cross-Listed Courses

Some courses may be cross-listed by two or more disciplines. Such courses may be counted as part of the required hours for a particular major by registration for the appropriate course prefix. Cross-listed courses may not be repeated under another prefix for additional credit.

Topics Courses (1-3 sem. hrs.)

Undergraduate topics courses are offered in most areas of study in the College under the 4390 number. The subject of study varies and is announced in the Semester Schedule. These courses may be repeated for credit when topics vary.

Individual Study Courses

Directed Individual Study (DIS) 4396 1-3 sem. hrs.

Directed Individual Study is a carefully planned special study on an academic topic not offered as part of the regular undergraduate curriculum. DIS is carried out as a tutorial under the direction of, and evaluated by, a regular member of the faculty of the College of Liberal Arts. Enrollment is restricted to advanced students who have demonstrated both academic ability and the capacity for independent work. Enrollment is by application only and must be approved by the instructor and Department Chair in advance of registration. Completed applications must be received in the Dean's Office by the last class day of the semester preceding intended enrollment. Prerequisites: 1) At least 6 semester hours of classroom coursework in the field at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. 2) A minimum GPA of 3.0 on all work in the field at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. 3) At least one previous classroom course with the supervising instructor. A maximum of 6 semester hours of 4396 credit may be counted towards the baccalaureate degree.

Applied Experience 4398 3 sem. hrs.

Applied Experience is a practical work experience related to the student's major area of study and career goals. It is intended to provide an opportunity for a student to gain first-hand experience in an unfamiliar field. Consequently, Applied Experience credit may not be granted for a student's regular work assignment or for previous work experience. Registration is by application. The application must include a clearly written description of the duties and responsibilities involved in the Applied Experience project, and be signed by the student, the on-site supervisor, and the faculty supervisor. Completed applications must be received in the Dean's Office by the last class day of the semester preceding intended registration. This course is graded "credit" or "no credit." No more than three semester hours of Applied Experience credit may be counted toward the baccalaureate degree. Undergraduate Applied Experience course will include no less than one hundred hours and no more than 150 hours of work experience per semester.

Workshop Courses (1-6 sem. hrs.)

Undergraduate workshop courses are offered in many areas of study in the College ending in a 0099 series number. The subjects vary and are announced in the semester schedule. These courses may be repeated when topics vary.

Undergraduate Courses

All course descriptions are located in Courses A-Z (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/courses-az/>).

Programs

- Bachelor Degree Programs (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/bachelors/>)
 - Applied Arts and Sciences, BAAS (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/bachelors/applied-arts-sciences-baas/>)
 - Criminal Justice, BS (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/bachelors/criminal-justice-bs/>)
 - English, BA (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/bachelors/english-ba/>)
 - History, BA (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/bachelors/history-ba/>)
 - Philosophy, BA (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/bachelors/philosophy-ba/>)
 - Political Science, BA (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/bachelors/political-science-ba/>)
 - Psychology, BA (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/bachelors/psychology-ba/>)
 - Sociology, BA (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/bachelors/sociology-ba/>)
 - Spanish, BA (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/bachelors/spanish-ba/>)
 - University Studies, BA (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/bachelors/university-studies-ba/>)
 - University Studies, BS (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/bachelors/university-studies-bs/>)
- Teacher Certifications (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/teacher-certifications/>)
 - English, BA with Secondary Teacher Certification in English Language Arts (Grades 7-12) (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/teacher-certifications/english-ba-secondary-teacher-certification-language-arts-grades-7-12/>)
 - English, BA with Teacher Certification in English Language Arts (Grades 4-8) (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/teacher-certifications/english-ba-teacher-certification-language-arts-grades-4-8/>)
 - History and Social Studies, Teacher Certification (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/teacher-certifications/history-social-studies-teacher-certification/>)
 - Spanish, Teaching Certification EC-12 (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/teacher-certifications/spanish-teaching-certification-ec-12/>)
- Certificate Programs (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/certificates/>)
 - Advanced TESOL, Certificate (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/certificates/advanced-tesol-certificate/>)
 - Cultural Studies, Certificate (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/certificates/cultural-studies-certificate/>)
 - Humanities, Certificate (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/certificates/humanities-certificate/>)
 - TESOL, Certificate (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/certificates/tesol-certificate/>)
 - Writing for Non-Profits, Certificate (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/certificates/writing-non-profits-certificate/>)
- Minors (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/>)
 - Black Studies, Minor (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/black-studies-minor/>)
 - Creative Writing, Minor (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/creative-writing-minor/>)
 - Criminal Justice, Minor (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/criminal-justice-minor/>)
 - History, Minor (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/history-minor/>)
 - Latin American Studies, Minor (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/latin-american-studies-minor/>)
 - Literary Studies, Minor (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/literary-studies-minor/>)
 - Mexican American Studies, Minor (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/mexican-american-studies-minor/>)
 - Philosophy, Minor (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/philosophy-minor/>)
 - Political Science, Minor (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/political-science-minor/>)
 - Pre-Law, Minor (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/pre-law-minor/>)
 - Psychology, Minor (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/psychology-minor/>)
 - Social Work, Minor (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/social-work-minor/>)
 - Sociology, Minor (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/sociology-minor/>)
 - Spanish, Minor (<http://catalog.tamucc.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/minors/spanish-minor/>)
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