

# COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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The College of Arts and Sciences is unique in offering students a broad-based, liberal arts education transmitting a core of knowledge and cultural values. The college provides the service courses required by all university academic degree programs and specialized courses that may lead to employment or post baccalaureate studies.

The college is committed to providing a humanistic and analytical education through a student-focused educational environment. Its faculty excel in teaching, scholarship and service. The curriculum and its orientation are responsive to the cultural diversity of the students and to the entire South Texas region. In this way, the college helps to expand the academic, social and cultural horizons and expectations of the people it serves.

Through teaching, scholarship and service, the college provides students with a core of cultural knowledge and understanding necessary to function as global citizens and with the life skills and judgment essential to contribute fully to society. The college provides oral and written communication skills and computer literacy required for all disciplines and helps students attain general professional competency in the area of their major. Fulfilling its mission, the college fosters lifelong learning.

The college is composed of the following departments (with the nonteaching degrees each offers):

- Art, Communications and Theatre (B.A, Art, Communications; B.F.A.)
- Biological and Health Sciences (B.A., Biology; B.S., Biology, Biomedical Sciences, Nutrition)
- Chemistry (B.S.)
- Clinical Health Sciences (B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders; B.S.W., Social Work)
- History, Political Science and Philosophy (B.A., Criminal Justice, History, Political Science)
- Language and Literature (B.A., English, Spanish)
- Mathematics (B.A.; B.S.)
- Music (B.M., Music, Performance)
- Physics and Geosciences (B.S., Geology, Physics)
- Psychology and Sociology (B.A., Psychology, Sociology; B.S., Criminology)

The college also houses the program in Applied Arts and Sciences, which offers the B.A.A.S. degree, programs in International Studies, Religion, and Women & Gender Studies, as well as the Dual Enrollment Program.

## Laboratory Fee

For each laboratory course a fee ranging from \$2 to \$30 is charged depending upon cost of materials used in the course.

## Teaching Certification

Students seeking a certificate to teach in the secondary schools of Texas must earn a bachelor's degree in a recognized major. The State Board for Educator Certification approved new teaching fields and grade levels for certification beginning in 1999. Majors in the College of Arts and Sciences that may lead to all-level certification include the following:

- Art
- Music

Majors in the College of Arts and Sciences that may lead to secondary certification include the following:

- Biology (Life Science)
- Chemistry
- Communications (Speech)
- English (see Language and Literature)
- Geology (Science emphasis, see Physics and Geosciences)

- History
- History (Social Studies emphasis)
- Mathematics
- Physics (Science emphasis)
- Spanish (see Language and Literature)

For specific degree requirements, contact the chair of the department of the academic discipline involved. For additional information, refer to the College of Education and Human Performance section regarding the Standard Certificate in this catalog.

## Pre-Law

Students who desire to enter the law profession should consult the Pre-Law Adviser in the Department of History, Political Science and Philosophy upon enrollment regarding a degree plan and selection of courses.

## Pre-Health Professions

Students who desire to pursue any health profession (medicine, dentistry, physical therapy, pharmacy, nursing, etc.) should consult the Pre-Health Professions Coordinator in the Center for Student Success. General information regarding programs offered by Texas A&M University-Kingsville is listed separately in this catalog.

## Requirements for the Degree

**All students obtaining a bachelor's degree must satisfy the "General Requirements for Graduation" (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/general-requirements-graduation-baccalaureate-degree>) as set forth in this catalog.** This includes, among others, the residence requirements and grade average rules.

Each program sets the minimum number of hours required for its major and for graduation. A minimum of 45 of the total number of hours must be on the advanced level. Individual degree programs are outlined below.

A minimum grade point average of 2.0 is required on:

1. all course work specified for the degree,
2. all course work attempted at this university,
3. all courses in the major and the minor where required on work taken at this university and
4. all courses transferred for the minor when no courses in the minor field are taken at this university.

## Foreign Language

All Bachelor of Arts degrees must include two years (12 SCH) of foreign language study. Students are required to complete their foreign language requirements in a single language track.

## Major

A major shall consist of a minimum of 24 semester hours in one subject, 6 of which must be taken at this university. At least 50% of the work offered in the major field must be advanced. Double majors must complete the specific requirements for both fields.

## Minors

Students receiving a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree (except for double majors and certain degrees with Teaching Certification) must have a recognized minor. A minor consists of a minimum of 18 hours. Certain minors have specific requirements; see "Recognized Minors" below. At least six hours in the minor field must be on the advanced level.

### Recognized Minors

The following minors are available to Arts and Sciences majors: Agribusiness (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/agriculture-natural-resources-human-sciences/minors/agriculture-science-agribusiness-environmental-science-plant-soil-science-minor>), Agriculture Science (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/agriculture-natural-resources-human-sciences/minors/agriculture-science-agribusiness-environmental-science-plant-soil-science-minor>), Animal Science (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/agriculture-natural-resources-human-sciences/minors/animal-science-minor>), Anthropology (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/minors/anthropology-minor>), Art, Biology (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/minors/biology-minor>), Business Administration (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/business-administration/minors/business-administration-minor>), Chemistry (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/minors/chemistry-minor>), Computer Science (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/engineering/minors/computer-science-minor>), Criminal Justice (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/minors/criminal-justice-minor>), Criminology, English (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/minors/english-minor>), Environmental Science (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/agriculture-natural-resources-human-sciences/minors/agriculture-science-agribusiness-environmental-science-plant-soil-science-minor>), French, Generic Special Education, Geographic Information Systems (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/minors/geographic-information-systems-minor>), Geography, Geology, Geophysics (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/minors/geophysics-minor>), Health (<https://>

catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/education-human-performance/minors/health-minor), History (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/minors/history-minor>), Human Sciences, Industrial Technology (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/minors/industrial-technology-minor>), International Studies (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/minors/international-studies-minor>), Journalism, Kinesiology (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/minors/kinesiology-minor>), Mathematical Biology (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/minors/mathematical-biology-minor>), Mathematics (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/minors/mathematics-minor>), Mexican American Studies (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/minors/mexican-american-studies-minor>), Military Science (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/education-human-performance/rotc>), Music (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/minors/physics-minor>), Plant and Soil Science (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/agriculture-natural-resources-human-sciences/minors/agriculture-science-agribusiness-environmental-science-plant-soil-science-minor>), Political Science, Psychology, Range and Wildlife Management (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/agriculture-natural-resources-human-sciences/minors/range-wildlife-management-minor>), Reading, Social Work (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/minors/social-work-minor>), Sociology, Southwest Borderlands Studies (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/minors/southwest-borderlands-studies-minor>), Spanish, Spanish Journalism (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/minors/spanish-journalism-minor>), Speech, Sports Journalism (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/minors/sports-journalism-minor>), Sustainability Studies (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/minors/sustainability-studies-minor>), Theatre Arts, Women and Gender Studies (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/women-gender-studies>), and Writing (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/minors/writing-minor>).

In addition, any group of courses which leads to a specific state-recognized teaching certification or similar endorsement, and which meets the minimum requirements indicated above for all minors, may be accepted as a minor, subject to approval by the dean and by the student's major department. An interdisciplinary or other specialized minor which meets the minimum requirements indicated above, may be recognized in individual cases, subject to approval by the student's major department, the dean and any department in which at least 9 hours of the proposed minor will be taken. The dean's office will circulate a list of minors that has been approved under either of these conditions.

## Certificates

The Department of Mathematics offers an undergraduate SAS Certification Program jointly with SAS Institute, Inc. See Department of Mathematics (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/mathematics>) for details.

The Department of Physics and Geosciences offered an undergraduate Geophysics certificate program. See Department of Physics and Geosciences (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/physics-geosciences>) for details.

The Department of Physics and Geosciences offers an undergraduate Geographic Information Systems (GIS) certificate program. See Department of Physics and Geoscience (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/physics-geosciences>) for more information.

An undergraduate transcribed certificate in Women and Gender Studies requires 12 semester hours. See the detailed requirements in the Women and Gender Studies (<https://catalog.tamuk.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/women-gender-studies>) section of the catalog.