



CATALOG YEAR 2013-2014

COLLEGE/SCHOOL/SECTION: ___ University College _____

Program: Delete: ___ Add: X___ Change: ___ Attach new/changed Program of Study description and 4-year plan. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red.

Program Learning Outcomes: Add: X___ Change: ___ Attach listing of program learning outcomes.
- To prepare students with broad foundational content knowledge that complements their interests and prepares them for a diverse and ever-changing job market
- To develop students' oral and written communication skills

College Introductory Pages: Add information: X___ Change information: ___
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Bachelor of Arts Major in Multidisciplinary Studies

Following is one suggested four-year degree plan. Students are encouraged to see their advisor each semester for help with program decisions and enrollment; they are responsible for reviewing the Program of Study Requirements; and must meet foreign language and writing intensive course requirements for graduation. See Academic Regulations – Undergraduate.

*See Appendix A Core Curriculum and Optional Course Information.

** See Appendix C for approved list of minors and requirements

Table with columns for FALL, HOURS, SPRING, and HOURS. Rows include Freshman Year, Sophomore Year, Junior Year, and Senior Year with course listings and credit hours.

*To meet advanced hours for degree.

¹Foreign Language/Study Abroad, select 6 SCH in course work (not credit by exam) above the university's foreign language graduation requirement. Thus students who meet the university's foreign language graduation requirement by earning 3 hours of credit by exam, may take 6 SCH in the same language but at the intermediate level or above, or they may take 6 SCH of another foreign language at the introductory level. This requirement may also be met by earning 6 SCH in any subject while participating in a TAMIU-approved Study Abroad program while living for at least 3 months in a non-English speaking country.

² Math elective, select 3 SCH from any math course above the level of College Algebra.

Degree Requirements for the BA with a Major in Multidisciplinary Studies

The BA with a Major in Multidisciplinary Studies allows students to combine three areas of concentration into one degree to provide depth in three areas of study. Students may choose combine disciplines from the A.R. Sanchez School of Business, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the College of Education.

1. **Hours Required:** A minimum of **120** semester credit hours (SCH): 45 hours must be advanced, and fulfill degree requirements as specified in the "Requirements for Graduation" section of this catalog.
2. **University Core Curriculum:** **42** SCH as outlined in the suggested plans and as specified in the "Requirements for Graduation."
3. **Required Electives:** **5** SCH including 3 SCH from any math course above the level of College Algebra, UNIV 1101 and UNIV 1102.
4. **Foreign Language/Study Abroad:** **6** SCH in coursework work (not credit by exam) above the university's foreign language graduation requirement. Thus students who meet the university's foreign language graduation requirement by earning 3 hours of credit by exam, may take 6 SCH in the same language but at the intermediate level or above, or they may take 6 SCH of another foreign language at the introductory level. This requirement may also be met by earning 6 SCH in any subject while participating in a TAMIU-approved Study Abroad program while living for at least 3 months in a non-English speaking country.
5. **Major Options:** **48** SCH including COMM 4350 and 15 SCH each of three concentrations with at least 9 SC at the 3000-4000 level. The concentration areas may be chosen from any discipline outside the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.
6. **Minor/General Electives:** **19** SCH. ~~A minimum of 18 SCH from one discipline at least twelve of which must be at the 3000-4000 level, may be used to produce a minor. See Appendix C. Instead of a minor, students may complete these SCH with electives, 12 SCH of which must be at the 3000-4000 level, from any discipline, except the concentration fields outside the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.~~ Per UCC discussion 2/8/13. Clarified with Dr.

Hickey 7/10/13.

Justification:

The Multidisciplinary Studies degree will help TAMIU meet The Higher Education Coordinating Board's and the Texas Legislature's goal of increasing the number of students who graduate, particularly from Hispanic and other minority groups. The degree will help a large student population that has either accumulated excessive hours due to change of majors, stopping out, or transferring from other institutions; it will also be attractive to students with diverse interests who would prefer not to restrict their studies to one major degree or a major/minor degree program. Several Texas universities offer this type of degree; the number of students graduating with multi-disciplinary degrees has grown in each of the institutions.

Approvals:

Signature

Date

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