



## General TAMIU Information

TAMIU's campus represents more than a \$170 million investment in new facilities. You will take courses on the first new campus in Texas in over 20 years.

Our campus is situated in the heart of South Texas along the U.S.-Mexico border which affords you immense opportunities for international, comparative, and developmental studies. You will study in our new state-of-the-art classrooms and facilities.

Our classrooms and facilities incorporate the latest trends in the evolving internet and information exchange. On-campus housing facilities are also wired for high-speed free internet. Ten computer labs help assure that you will work in an environment where the student-to-computer ratio is 13 to 1.

You can also work in our modern media center to make multi-media and audio-video presentations while the University's Computer and Telecommunications Services department offers you extensive technology training.

You can also study in the Sue and Radcliffe Killam Library which is the cornerstone of on-campus support centers and recently completed a \$4.5 million addition to its collection.

## How do I Apply?

- Complete and submit University application and submit undergraduate transcripts to the Registrar's Office.
- Complete and submit College of Arts and Sciences application (including your student narrative) to the Director of Graduate Studies.
- All applications can be downloaded from <http://www.tamiu.edu/coas/gradstudies>
- Submit undergraduate transcripts to the Director of Graduate Studies.
- Have official GRE test scores sent directly from ETS.
- International students must also submit adequate TOEFL scores and financial documentation.
- Spring application deadline is November 1st; Fall application deadline is April 1st.

For more detailed information including program costs and courses, please visit or call:

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# Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

## About Our Program

MAIS is an interdisciplinary degree that allows students the opportunity to obtain 18 semester credit hours in two related fields. One may choose from a number of participating disciplines to earn the minimum semester credit hours for teaching at community college level or for augmenting knowledge of two fields for public school teaching. This versatile degree offers you the opportunity to gain expertise tailored to other career fields as well by selecting disciplines that complement your particular job requirements.

Students who wish to pursue the MAIS degree must write a proposal that provides a synthesis of their proposed areas of disciplinary specialization. Students who simply want to increase their knowledge in more than one field will find this degree attractive as well. For these students, there is an option of taking courses in three areas of specialization. This option includes 18 semester credit hours in the first discipline, nine hours in the second area, and six hours in the third area.



"Graduate school has been a very fulfilling and life altering experience. Pursuing an MAIS degree is the best thing I could have done. Not only did I learn theory and life applications from one area of study, I had the privilege of attaining knowledge in three areas.

This experience changed my life in a way that I feel I can accomplish anything I set my mind to. I had the support of my professors and my family, specially my wife, and it made me realize that I could 'just do it.'"

**Gerardo Limon**  
MAIS Graduate Student

## About Our Faculty

Our full time faculty has Ph.D.'s, are nationally and internationally recognized, are dedicated to improving the quality of service, and yet remain attentive to your needs. They are equally committed to teaching and providing continuing education and professional development for you, facilitating discourse on various issues, contributing to scholarship, and fostering future generations of scholars and practitioners.

## Careers

With a MAIS, you will be prepared for community college teaching, adjunct university teaching, and advanced secondary teaching. The degree can be tailored to a wide variety of career fields outside of teaching. For example, an individual working in a specialized field may find that combining two disciplines, such as biology and history, will provide the advanced knowledge needed for his or her own particular needs. The flexibility of this degree allows you to choose the disciplines that will best suit your circumstances. You may choose two areas from a smorgasbord of disciplines including biology, English, history, mathematics, political science, sociology, Spanish, and psychology, providing you can justify the logic of the combination.



## Why Should You Come Here?

Texas A&M International University, the newest and one of the fastest growing in The Texas A&M University System, is situated in the heart of South Texas along the U.S.-Mexico border that offers immense opportunities for international, comparative, and developmental studies. Our new state-of-the-art facilities, especially the ultra modern Student Center and Center for the Fine and Performing Arts, provide our students with a congenial environment to develop themselves fully as skilled and conscientious professionals.

