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COLLEGE/SCHOOL/SECTION: College of Education-Undergraduate

Course: Add: Delete:
(check all that apply) Change: Number Title SCH Description Prerequisite

Response Required: New course will be part of major minor as a required
or elective course

Response Required: New course will introduce , reinforce , or apply concepts

If new, provide Course Prefix, Number, Title, **Measurable** Student Learning Outcomes, SCH Value, Description, prerequisite, and lecture/lab hours if applicable. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red and provide a brief justification.

Program: Delete: Add: 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.

Minor: Add: Delete: Change: Attach new/changed minor. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red.

College Introductory Pages: Add information: Change information: X
Attach new/changed information. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red.

Justification: The changes provide information to guide students in procedures for gaining approval to take State certification exams (TEXES) and are in compliance with current State Education Agency policies.

Other: Add information: Change information: Attach new/changed information. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red.

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ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE TExES EXAMS

Students are eligible to take an TExES exam when they have completed all program requirements, which include: completing all required courses with a satisfactory grade, earning a "C" or better in all Education courses, maintaining an overall grade point average of 2.7 or higher, maintaining a grade point average of 2.7 or higher in the teaching field or specialization, and attending required TExES review sessions.

Students who have been approved to take a TExES exam must obtain a TExES/ExCET/TOPT Test approval form from the Certification Office. To be eligible to test, students must complete all program requirements which include the successful completion of all coursework, reviews, and pre-tests.

FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Approval to take TExES Exams is based on the procedures and criteria listed below. These procedures and criteria apply to all students pursuing degrees with teacher certification, regardless of their catalog year.

1. **Good Standing.** The College of Education has specific requirements that are different and higher than those required by the University. An undergraduate student in good standing with the College of Education must have a **TAMIU cumulative GPA of 2.7** or higher and a **TAMIU GPA of 2.7** or higher in the specialization/major.
2. **Test Preparation Sessions and Practice Tests.**
 - A. Undergraduate students must complete six clock hours of Test Preparation and pass appropriate Practice Tests before receiving approval to take any TExES exam. Test Preparation Sessions will be scheduled and conducted by University faculty. Three of these hours will be completed prior to applying for Block III.
 - B. Undergraduate students pursuing certification **must complete the appropriate Practice Tests to be approved to take a TExES exam.** Approval for Practice Tests will be through the Certification Office in the College of Education with the advisor's consent. Practice Tests are administered in the Texas A&M International University Testing Center, by appointment only.
 - C. Students must pass the Practice Test with 85% or higher to be approved to take the corresponding State test.
3. **Exam Sequence.** Students seeking initial teacher certification must take TExES exams in the prescribed sequence, noted below:
 - A. **Generalist/Content Exam in the specialization/major area.** The Generalist/Content Exam will be taken either prior to beginning Block II or during Block II, based on the following criteria:
 - (1) Students who have completed 75% or more of their coursework in the specialization/major with a TAMIU cumulative GPA of 3.6 or higher will be eligible to take a Practice Test prior to beginning Block II. Students who are

successful on the Practice Test with a score of 85% or higher will be eligible to take the TExES exam in the specialization/major.

- (2) Students who have completed 75% or more of their coursework in the specialization/major with less than a 3.6 TAMIU cumulative GPA in the specialization/major will take a Practice Test during Block II. Students who are successful on the Practice Test with a score of 85% or higher will be eligible to take the TExES exam in the specialization/major.
 - (3) **STUDENTS WORKING TOWARD BILINGUAL EC-6 OR 4-8 CERTIFICATION WILL TAKE THE EC-6 GENERALIST AND THE BILINGUAL SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMS (EC – 12). STUDENTS WILL NOT HAVE THE OPTION OF TAKING THE BILINGUAL EC-6 OR BILINGUAL 4-8 EXAMS. ALL STUDENTS MUST PASS THE TExES EXAM IN THE SPECIALIZATION/CONTENT AREA TO BE ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL FOR BLOCK III.**
 - (4) Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test (BTLPT) (Required for Bilingual EC-6 and 4-8 certification). Students will take the BTLPT while enrolled in Block II. Students must have successfully completed all required Spanish courses prior to taking the BTLPT. **STUDENTS PURSUING BILINGUAL EC-6 OR 4-8 CERTIFICATION MUST PASS THE BTLPT TO BE ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL FOR BLOCK III.**
- B. **The Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities (PPR).** Students will take the Practice Test for the PPR in Block III. To be eligible to take the PPR exam, students must pass the Practice Test with a score of 85% or higher.
4. **Taking a Second TExES Exam.** Undergraduate students must pass the TExES Exam they have been approved to take **before attempting a second exam.**
 5. **Intervention.** Students who fail a TExES exam will be required to complete an intervention designed to address domains/competencies on the exam which the student failed. Intervention will be carried out by faculty at Texas A&M International University. Students must successfully complete the intervention to be eligible to retake the TExES exam they failed.
 6. **Students are responsible for correctly completing their TExES Registration Forms online at www.texas.ets.org by the deadlines given in the TExES Registration Bulletin online. Students are required to pay for their exams online with a credit card.**
 7. **NOTE: THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION MAY GRADUATE STUDENTS BUT NOT RECOMMEND STUDENTS FOR CERTIFICATION WHO DO NOT MEET QUALIFYING CRITERIA.**