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**JUSTIFICATION**: Updates the university's catalog with changes to a) extend the one-semester provision to the whole senior year; b) avoid double dipping with graduate courses taken during senior year; and c) add the MA in Communication and the MS in Psychology to the BA/MA or BA/MS programs. While the no double dipping policy may discourage some senior students to enroll in these programs, there will be others who will still be interested in them to save time and finish a semester earlier their graduate degree and to take advantage of their undergraduate financial aid (i.e., undergraduate FA is much more generous than graduate FA, and taking some grad hours while you are still getting undergrad FA might be beneficial). Also, by offering them the possibility of enrolling in a graduate program before they finish their Baccalaureate, we may make it easier for senior students to consider pursuing a graduate degree.

## (The information below is currently available in: http://www.tamiu.edu/catalog/current/undercoas.shtml)

Undergraduate students with majors in Communication, English, Criminal Justice, History, Mathematics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, or Spanish may pursue a combined BA/MA, BA/MS or BS/MS program. Students with an overall GPA of 3.2 or higher and a field GPA of 3.5 (3.25 for Mathematics) or higher (after completing at least six 3000-4000 level SCH; 9 SCH in Political Science with 3 SCH at the 3000-4000 level) may apply for admission to the Master of Arts/Master of Science program during their junior year. Students accepted into the program will begin taking graduate courses during the senior year. Students must attain a "B" in their coursework to remain in and continue the combined program.

Students will need to complete all admission requirements to the program during their junior year. This includes: Application to the University for admission to graduate study and submission of an official copy of the student's undergraduate transcript to the Dean of Graduate Studies. The student must also submit two letters of recommendation, one from the student's faculty advisor and one from another faculty member. Interruption of progress toward the degree may result in the requirement to reapply to the program and include meeting the GRE requirement (*Note*: Only Psychology and Counseling Psychology require requires the GRE).

Students seeking the BA/MA degree in English, History and Political Thought concentrating in History, History and Political Science, or Political Science, Sociology, Communication or Spanish may count nine SCH-of graduate coursework taken during the senior year toward both undergraduate and graduate degree requirements, may take up to 9 hours of graduate coursework during the senior year. Students may count a

portion or all of these graduate courses toward their undergraduate degree requirements or save a portion or all of them to count them toward the graduate degree requirements. Graduate courses used toward the undergraduate degree requirements may not be counted also towards the graduate degree requirements. Students electing to complete the BA/MA in English, Sociology, Communication or Spanish are eligible for either the thesis or non-thesis option; in the non-thesis option, unlike the traditional non-thesis MA in English, Sociology, Communication or Spanish, there is no minor curriculum requirement.

Undergraduate students with a major in Criminal Justice or Psychology may pursue a combined BS/MS or a BA/MS program. Students seeking the BS/MS degree in Criminal Justice or or Psychology the BA/MS in Psychology may count six nine SCH of graduate coursework taken during the senior year toward both undergraduate and graduate degree take up to 9 hours of graduate coursework during the senior year. Students may count a portion or all of these graduate courses toward their undergraduate degree requirements or save a portion or all of them to count them toward the graduate degree requirements. Graduate courses used toward the undergraduate degree requirements may not be counted also towards the graduate degree requirements. Students electing to complete the BS/MS in Criminal Justice are eligible for either the thesis or non-thesis option.

Undergraduate students enrolled in the BA or BS in Mathematics (not the BA in Mathematics with 7-12 Certification) may pursue a combined BA/BS/MS programs. Students seeking the BA/BS/MS degree in mathematics may count six SCH of graduate course work taken during the senior year toward both undergraduate and graduate degree requirements. may take up to 9 hours of graduate coursework during the senior year. Students may count a portion or all of these graduate courses toward their undergraduate degree requirements or save a portion or all of them to count them toward the graduate degree requirements. Graduate courses used toward the undergraduate degree requirements may not be counted also towards the graduate degree requirements. Students electing to complete the BA/BS/MS in Mathematics are eligible for either the thesis or non-thesis option.

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