

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Overview

The Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) degree is designed to provide a flexible pathway for students to complete a bachelor's degree through credits earned across multiple disciplines.

The broad curricular structure of the Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) degree allows students to pursue prescribed tracks (Computer Science and Law Enforcement Track, Digital Marketing, Nonprofit Management, or Pre-Health) or a self-designed course of study that represents a combination of disciplines not reflected by traditional majors. Students can create a B.G.S. degree path that prepares them for entry into professional careers, or to seek professional or graduate education opportunities.

Requirements

General Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
	Core Curriculum	42
	Academic Minors (3 Required)	54
	Electives	24
Total Credits		120

CIP Code: 24.0102

All students must complete the University's Core Curriculum (<https://catalog.tamusa.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/core-curriculum/>) and the specific requirements of the major. In some cases, a course that is required for a major may also be counted towards the Core Curriculum.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Curriculum		
	Communication	3
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	Mathematics	3
	Life and Physical Science	3
	Life and Physical Science	3
	Language, Philosophy, and Culture	3
	Creative Arts	3
	American History	3
	American History	3
	Government/Political Science	3
	Government/Political Science	3
	Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
	Component Area Option	3
	UNIV 1301 First Year Seminar ¹	
	Component Area Option	3
	Subtotal:	42
Prescribed Electives ²		54
	Self-Designed Track	

Pre-Health Track	
Computer Science and Law Enforcement Track	
Non-Profit Management Track	
Digital Marketing Track	
Subtotal:	54
Electives	
As needed to complete 120 credit hours required.	24
Subtotal:	24
Total Credits	120

¹ EDUC 1301 may be substituted for UNIV 1301 First Year Seminar

² Required coursework for each track is provided below.

Prescribed Tracks

Self-Designed Track

Students pursuing the self-designed track must complete 3 minors from 2 of the university's 3 colleges and electives as needed to bring the total number of SCH to 120.

Pre-Health Track

Students must complete 3 of the following 6 minors and elective credits as needed to bring the total number of SCH to 120. The 3 minors completed by the student must come from 2 of the university's 3 colleges.

Biochemistry Minor

Biology Minor

Chemistry Minor

Psychology Minor

Health Minor

The minor in Health will complement existing BS programs in kinesiology, psychology, sociology, and others. These courses will prepare students for careers in the public and community health sector.

Exercise Science and Pre-Physical Theory Minor

The Exercise Science and Pre-PT minor is for students interested in a non-public school teaching profession, continuing their education in Exercise Science, or applying to a PT program to further their education:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
EDKN 3426	Basic Physiology of Exercise ¹	4
EDKN 3315	Functional Anatomy ²	3
EDKN 4325	Biomechanics ¹	3
EDKN 4401	Exercise Test and Prescription ³	4
EDKN 1301	Foundations of Kinesiology	3
or EDKN 1338	Fitness and Wellness	
Select one of the following:		3-4
EDKN 4324	Exercise in Chronic Disease and Disabilities	
EDKN 4417	Adv Physiology of Exercise	
EDKN 4320	Motor Dev and Motor Learning	
Total Credits		20-21

¹ EDKN 3315 Functional Anatomy is a prerequisite.

² BIOL 1306 Gen Biology I-Attr Living Sys is a prerequisite.

3 EDKN 3426 Basic Physiology of Exercise is a prerequisite.

Computer Science and Law Enforcement Track

Students must complete 3 of the following minors.

Criminology and Criminal Justice Minor

Political Science Minor

Psychology Minor

Business Administration Minor

The following courses are required:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ACCT 2301	Principles of Financial Acct	3
MGMT 3311	Principles of Management	3
MKTG 3311	Principles of Marketing	3
Select nine hours from the following:		9
BCOM 3304	Bus Communication	
BLAW 3341	Business Law	
BUAD 3311	Business and Society	
CISA 3358	Management Information Systems	
MGMT 3325	Human Resources Mgmt and Proc	
MKTG 3343	Digital Marketing	
Total Credits		18

Computer Information Systems Minor

Computer Science Minor

Education Minor

The minimum number shall be 18 semester hours (beyond EDCI 1301 Introduction to Teaching), 12 of which must be advanced.

Non-Profit Management Track

Business Administration Minor

The following courses are required:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
ACCT 2301	Principles of Financial Acct	3
MGMT 3311	Principles of Management	3
MKTG 3311	Principles of Marketing	3
Select nine hours from the following:		9
BCOM 3304	Bus Communication	
BLAW 3341	Business Law	
BUAD 3311	Business and Society	
CISA 3358	Management Information Systems	
MGMT 3325	Human Resources Mgmt and Proc	
MKTG 3343	Digital Marketing	
Total Credits		18

Communication Minor

Sociology Minor

Women's and Gender Studies Minor

Exercise Science and Pre-PT Minor

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EDKN 4324	Exercise in Chronic Disease and Disabilities	
EDKN 4417	Adv Physiology of Exercise	
EDKN 4320	Motor Dev and Motor Learning	
Total Credits		20-21

1 EDKN 3315 Functional Anatomy is a prerequisite.

2 BIOL 1306 Gen Biology I-Attr Living Sys is a prerequisite.

3 EDKN 3426 Basic Physiology of Exercise is a prerequisite.

Digital Marketing Track

Business Administration Minor

The following courses are required:

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Required Courses		
ACCT 2301	Principles of Financial Acct	3
MGMT 3311	Principles of Management	3
MKTG 3311	Principles of Marketing	3
Select nine hours from the following:		9
BCOM 3304	Bus Communication	
BLAW 3341	Business Law	
BUAD 3311	Business and Society	
CISA 3358	Management Information Systems	
MGMT 3325	Human Resources Mgmt and Proc	
MKTG 3343	Digital Marketing	
Total Credits		18

Computer Science Minor

History Minor

Sociology Minor

Education Minor

The minimum number shall be 18 semester hours (beyond EDCI 1301 Introduction to Teaching), 12 of which must be advanced.

Health Minor

The minor in Health will complement existing BS programs in kinesiology, psychology, sociology, and others. These courses will prepare students for careers in the public and community health sector.

Mexican American, Latinx, and Borderlands Studies Minor

Plan of Study

This suggested plan of study is intended to be used as a guide in conjunction with official degree requirements outlined in the catalog. While this plan demonstrates a course of study that covers eight semesters, each student's academic path is unique and your timeline may look different. Students

should regularly consult with academic advisors as they plan their course schedules as course offerings may vary.

First Year

First Semester	Credits
Communication Core	3
American History Core	3
Mathematics Core	3
Life and Physical Science Core	3
UNIV 1301 First Year Seminar	3
Credits	15

Second Semester

Communication Core	3
Life and Physical Science Core	3
Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core	3
American History Core	3
Government/Political Science Core	3
Credits	15

Second Year**First Semester**

Government/Political Science Core	3
Component Area Option Core	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences Core	3
Creative Arts Core	3
Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)	3
Credits	15

Second Semester

Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)	3
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Credits	15

Third Year**First Semester**

Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)	3
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Credits	15

Second Semester

Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)	3
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Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)	3
Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)	3
Credits	15

Fourth Year**First Semester**

Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)	3
Elective (As needed to complete 120 credit hours.)	3
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Elective (As needed to complete 120 credit hours.)	3
Elective (As needed to complete 120 credit hours.)	3

Credits	15
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Second Semester

Prescribed Electives (As needed based on selected track.)	3
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Total Credits	120
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