

Bachelor of Science in University Studies

About This Program

The Bachelor of Science in University Studies is designed for students seeking options beyond the traditional university majors. This program features a range of academic disciplines that will prepare you for a variety of career paths or enhance your current career. Through this program, you will earn your bachelor of science degree in University Studies, giving you a unique educational profile that you can market to employers or graduate programs. The program is designed for:

- Former students who want to return to UT Arlington and complete their degrees.
- Transfer students who have more than 60 hours and are unsure about what major to pursue or who want to accelerate their graduation but have numerous hours that don't easily apply to a major.
- UT Arlington students unable to meet the academic requirements to enter or graduate from another major.

Please note: The Bachelor of Science in University Studies is not open to students who have already earned an undergraduate bachelor's degree or who wish to pursue a double or dual major. In addition, students completing a University Studies degree are not able to declare minors.

Competencies

1. Critical Thinking: Upon completion, students will demonstrate creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, analysis, evaluation, and synthesis of information
2. Communication Skills: Upon completion, students will be able to develop, interpret, and express ideas through written, oral, and visual communication.
3. Empirical and Quantitative Skills: Upon completion, students will be able to manipulate and analyze numerical data or observable facts, resulting in informed conclusions.
4. Teamwork: Upon completion, students will be able to consider different points of view and work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.
5. Personal Responsibility: Upon completion, students will be able to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making.
6. Social Responsibility: Upon completion students will demonstrate intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.

Admissions Criteria

Students must have completed 60 hours to be admitted to the program.

Curriculum

Foundations ¹

General Core Requirements (<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degree/requirements/generalcorerequirements/>)

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Major Content ²

Select two of the following content areas in consultation with a University Studies advisor. Individual courses in each discipline may require prerequisites.

Area I: Art, Media, Humanities

Courses from: AAST, ADVT, ARAB, ARCH, ART, ASL, BCMN, CHIN, CLAS, COMM, COMS, CTEC, DIVR, DNCS, DS, ENGL, FREN, GERM, GLOBAL, GREK, HIST, HUMA, INTD, JOUR, KORE, LARC, LATN, LING, MAS, MODL, MUSI, PHIL, PORT, PREL, RUSS, SPAN, THEA, WOMS

Area II: Business, Community Studies, Social Science

Courses from: ACCT, ANTH, BANA, BCOM, BDEC, BEEP, BLAW, BSTAT, BUSA, CM, CRCJ, ECED, ECON, EDAD, EDML, EDUC, ELED, FINA, GEOG, INSU, INSY, LIST, LSCHP, MANA, MARK, OPMA, PAPP, PCOM, PLAN, POLS, PSYC, REAE, SOCI, SOCW, SPED, UDES

Area III: Engineering, Health & Wellness, Physical Science

Courses from: AREN, ASTR, BE, BIOL, CE, CHEM, CSE, DATA, EE, ENGR, ENVR, EXSA, EXSS, GEOL, HEED, IE, KINE, MAE, MATH, MSE, NE, NURS, PHED, PHYS, REE, SCIE, STATS

Primary Content Area

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From a primary area, select 24 hours with at least 12 hours at the 3000/4000 level

Secondary Content Area

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From a secondary area, select 21 hours with at least 6 hours at the 3000/4000 level

Electives

Select electives sufficient to complete 120 hours with at least 36 hours at the 3000/4000 level. No more than 4 hours of EXSA or DNCA courses may count toward the electives. No more than 15 hours of coursework transferred in as WECM may count toward electives. 33

Total Hours

120

¹ Courses completed as part of the core curriculum may not be used to satisfy the content area requirements.

² No more than 15 of the 45 Major Content hours can come from the same department.

Program Completion

To earn a Bachelor of Science degree in University Studies you must complete 120 credit hours and have a 2.0 cumulative grade point average upon completing the course requirements. Of the 120 total hours, you must complete at least 36 advanced credit hours and meet residency requirements for completing a degree at UTA. In addition:

- No more than four hours of exercise or dance courses can be counted toward the electives.
- A maximum of 30 hours from the College of Business is allowed.
- Courses completed as part of the core curriculum cannot be used to satisfy content areas.
- You must also meet the [residency requirements](https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/academicregulations/degree requirements/undergraduate/#text) (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/academicregulations/degree requirements/undergraduate/#text>) for completing a degree at UT Arlington.

Advising Resources

Your University Studies advisor will guide you through your degree program, help you to make informed decisions about your academic path and support you in reaching your graduation goals. In addition to academic planning, advisors can assist with non-academic concerns, so be sure to meet with them regularly.

With the support of your University Studies advisor, creating a class schedule and exploring your personal and career goals is simple and stress-free. We'll ensure your courses fulfill degree requirements and keep you on track for timely graduation.

All University Studies students, including seniors and those on academic probation, are required to meet with an advisor each semester to review academic progress and register for classes.

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[More information](https://www.uta.edu/student-success/university-studies/) (<https://www.uta.edu/student-success/university-studies/>)