Why Choose University Studies at Texas Tech?

University Studies is an interdisciplinary major that fosters new areas of learning and discovery by facilitating student learning across department and college boundaries. Administered by the Division of Undergraduate Education and Student Affairs within the Office of the Provost, a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in University Studies provides a unique course of study that allows students flexibility in choosing three distinct areas of study. Each area is referred to as a “concentration.” Although the three concentrations exist as separate programs within the university, they are normally unavailable as a combination of courses in an existing degree program. For example, a student might focus on a specialization in environmental journalism with concentrations in journalism, plant and soil sciences, and environmental toxicology. Each area exists in different colleges as part of separate degree programs, but only a major in university studies will allow students to study the three concentrations as a unit.

Coursework in the B.A. or B.S. degrees must total 120 semester hours. Prerequisites for courses selected in the areas of concentration must be completed and, depending on the concentration, may not count toward the 18-hour minimum per area of concentration. A total of 40 upper-division hours is required for the degree, with at least 9 hours of upper-division credits required in each area of concentration.

Meet The Program

Texas Tech University’s Bachelor Arts/Science of University Studies (BUS) is not a one-size-fits-all degree program. The course work used to build the concentration areas are as dynamic and versatile as our students' futures. BUS students have unique careers in mind and need a program of study that allows students flexibility in choosing three distinct areas of study from any of Texas Tech’s academic colleges, which is normally unavailable as a combination of courses in other existing degree programs. Only a major in University Studies will allow students to study three concentrations as a unit.

A Wealth of Opportunities Await

- **Undergraduate Research**
The Center for Active Learning and Undergraduate Engagement (CALUE) is committed to supporting and increasing undergraduate participation in active learning at Texas Tech University. The Center serves as the centralized location for undergraduate students, faculty, staff, and community organizations interested in participating in the following active learning programs: Service Learning, Undergraduate Research, Professional Internship, and Study Abroad. For more info, visit their website: [https://www.depts.ttu.edu/calue/](https://www.depts.ttu.edu/calue/)

- **Study Abroad**
From culinary classes in Florence to Range and Wildlife Management in Australia, from language study at the Texas Tech Center in Sevilla to Engineering in Czech Republic, Texas Tech has programs in more than 70 countries in which TTU students can participate.

To see where our study abroad programs can take you, visit the website here: [https://ttu-sa.terradotta.com/](https://ttu-sa.terradotta.com/)

- **Professional Career**
The University Career Center helps both current and alumni Texas Tech students with career assessments, resume building, and employer career fair information. The Career Center is here to help you match your interests and college major to a career that is right for you. To see more, visit the website: [http://www.depts.ttu.edu/careercenter/students.php](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/careercenter/students.php)

- **Scholarship**
Named a top value by Kiplinger in recent years, TTU offers a quality education at a fair price. Tuition and housing increases are well below others in public higher education. Texas Tech rewards exceptional students with merit-based scholarships and provides need-based financial assistance to qualified families. Athletic, band, choral, fine arts and departmental awards are available through individual departments. TTU also helps parents and students find elusive federal and state grants to take the pressure off family’s pocketbook. For more information, visit the scholarship website: [www.scholarships.ttu.edu](http://www.scholarships.ttu.edu)

- **Student Organizations**
Student Involvement offers programs and services that positively enrich each students Red Raider experience by focusing on student involvement opportunities, connecting student to the University and campus traditions, establishing positive relationships with fellow classmates, faculty and staff, and developing collaborative partnerships. All students are encouraged to become involved outside of the classroom to enhance their connection and experience as a Red Raider. These connections and experiences happen through membership in a student organization, a fraternity or sorority, or involvement in various campus activities. To see more about student organizations, visit the site: [http://ttu.orgsync.com/](http://ttu.orgsync.com/)

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Texas Common Course Number System (TCCNS)

The Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) aids students in the transfer of general academic courses between Texas public colleges and universities throughout the state. Course recommendations in this transfer guide are expressed in TCCNS designations.

Applying Transfer Hours to a Four-year Degree

- The Transfer Evaluation Office in the Office of the Registrar at Texas Tech determines which courses taken at another institution may be accepted for credit.

- A maximum of 66 semester credit hours from two-year institutions may be applied toward the baccalaureate degree at four-year institutions. Although, all credit hours presented on the sending institution's transcripts will be evaluated and equivalent college level courses posted to the student's academic record.

- The academic associate dean of the Texas Tech college in which a student enrolls has authority for determining which courses will be applied toward the specific degree program chosen.

- Students must earn a grade of C or better for all courses fulfilling requirements in majors, minors, or specialization's.

For more information on transfer course equivalencies, access the Texas Tech Transfer Equivalency Guidebooks: https://www.depts.ttu.edu/Registrar/private/transfer/

Steps to Apply:

- Admission Requirements
  Application from applytexas.org

  $60 application fee or fee waiver (student must provide information supporting fee waiver; for more specifics on what qualifies for waiver, visit the admissions site here: http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/index.php/application-fee/)

  Official college transcripts from ALL previous colleges attended*

  *Student must submit an official high school and ACT/SAT scores if you have completed less than 12 transferrable hours

  Transcripts may be sent by mail to:
  Undergraduate Admissions
  Box 45005
  Lubbock TX 79409

  Electronic transcripts may be sent directly to TTU Admissions via document exchange from the sending institution (contact institution for more details)

Transfer Admissions Counselors:

Zach Fisher — West Texas Transfer Admissions Counselor.
Office Location:
Undergraduate Admissions, West Hall
Lubbock, TX
Phone: 806.834.2104
Email: zach.fisher@ttu.edu

Maryellen Baeza — Manager of Transfer Recruitment
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Undergraduate Admissions, West Hall
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Assured Admissions:

If you present the required combination of transferrable hours and GPA (as described below), you will meet assured admissions. GPA is cumulative for all transferrable coursework from all schools attended. Courses taken for grade replacement are used for GPA calculation only if the same course is repeated at the same institution where it was originally taken.

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Admission Review

If you do not meet assured admission requirements but have at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA, an admissions committee will evaluate your potential based on other criteria:

- Academics — Types of courses taken and pattern of progress, as well as coursework taken leading toward a major
- Student-submitted essay — Explanation of the decision to transfer to Texas Tech, reasons for past academic performance and plans to ensure future academic success
- Extracurricular activities/employment information — Leadership and work experience, special talents or awards, or any other information relevant to the admission decision

For more information, visit the admissions website: http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/