

**Texas A&M University
University Studies Degree
Proposed Area of Concentration**

Name of Area of Concentration: _____

Department: _____

College: _____

Office responsible for advising students in this Area of Concentration:

a. Office Name/Location: _____

b. Telephone Number: _____

c. Email: _____

The University Studies degree is an innovative interdisciplinary degree with an area of concentration and two minors, at least one of which is in a different college from that of the area of concentration. The degree serves two main groups of students: first, students who are in good academic standing (GPA of 2.0 or above) but who are unable to find or gain access to a major of interest and (b) students who specifically seek a broad interdisciplinary combination of coursework that is unavailable through existing degree programs.

The educational objective of the University Studies Degree is to provide students with an interdisciplinary academic degree that will prepare them for a successful life and career or for graduate school.

Please append two items to this sheet:

1. A statement that: A) describes the area of concentration and distinguishes it from existing majors, B) explains how this area of concentration would serve at least one of the two main groups of students cited above, and C) indicates how this area of concentration would promote the purposes of the university studies degree as described above. In the case of a College submission, please indicate support from the faculty.

2. The enclosed form for listing courses that will be used in the area of concentration that will be required as prerequisites, and will be used for university core curriculum requirements.

Reviewed and approved by:

For Interdisciplinary Degrees Only:

Department Head/Program Director Date

Department Head/Program Director Date

College Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Date
or UCC representative

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AOC Dean of College Date

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COURSE FORM

There needs to be a minimum of 6 hours at 400-level and 36 hours of 300-400 level coursework in residence at Texas A&M University.

- A. Select 21-24 hours from among the following courses for the area of concentration. If there will be more than 24 hours in the area of concentration please include a justification. Two approved writing courses will be required for the University Studies degree. The courses may be in the area of concentration or the minors. Please indicate writing courses in the area of concentration, if any, with a W following the course number (TAMU 400 W). If courses required for the area of concentration include a course or courses from outside the department of the area of concentration, please include a letter of support from the department(s) offering the course(s). Courses listed as part of the University Core Curriculum do not need a letter of support.

1. The following _____ hours of course work are required*

Course Prefix & Number	Course Title	Credit Hours

2. Select _____ hours from the following courses*:

Course Prefix & Number	Course Title	Credit Hours

*** If the Area of Concentration requires students to select courses from a list of pre-selected combinations, please duplicate this table; e.g. two course from column A, two courses from column B**

3. Prerequisite courses not included in the University Core Curriculum or listed above:

Course Prefix & Number	Course Title	Credit Hours

- B. Student will select two minors (30-36 hours). One must be from outside the college offering the area of concentration.
- C. Free electives (17-26 hours). If there will be fewer than 17 hours of free electives please include a justification in the preceding 2-3 page statement.
- D. Specify courses in the University Core Curriculum ^{1,2,3} that will be required for this area of concentration (43 hours). Please maintain as much flexibility as possible.

	Course Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credit Hours
Communication			
English 104	ENGL 104		
Mathematics			
Natural Sciences			
Humanities			
Visual & Performing Arts			
Social & Behavioral Sciences			
History			
Political Science	POLS 206 & 207		
International & Cultural Diversity			
Kinesiology	KINE 198 & 199		

NOTES: ¹ To be selected from the University Core Curriculum.

² There is a graduation requirement which includes 6 hours of international and cultural diversity courses. Refer to the International and Cultural Diversity table for a list of acceptable courses. A course satisfying a University Core category, a college/department requirement, or as a free elective may be used to satisfy this requirement.

³ Completion in high school of two units of the same foreign language or one year of college work is required for graduation.