

THE UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Undergraduate academic programs at Tarleton State University integrate the two necessary components of a liberal education: first, the broad basis of knowledge essential to the education of a citizen in a democracy; second, the particular knowledge and skills needed in fields of major and minor concentration essential to our modern technological society. To accomplish these goals for each student, University programs provide three choices:

1. Four-year degree programs in most academic areas, with courses necessary for certification in public teaching offered in education;
2. Pre-professional two- and three-year programs in most professional fields; and
3. Special programs designed to meet unusual requirements of an individual, usually consisting of a rearrangement of university-level subject matter courses for cogent reasons.

The general approach in any case is to require during the first two years an arrangement of courses presenting basic ideas and ideals of civilization and perfecting tools of the learning process. The foundations curricula for the first two years are essentially the same, except for a slight emphasis on mathematics and science for science and business majors and on language and communication skills for liberal arts majors.

Special emphasis on major and minor subjects comes in the third and fourth years. Here the choice is made by each student, normally at the end of the second year, but certainly by the end of the third year. A degree plan is developed in consultation with an academic advisor in the chosen field; thereafter, any changes in this plan must be approved by the academic advisor and the dean of the appropriate college.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Tarleton State University offers the following degree programs:

Associates of Applied Sciences in Histotechnology degree

Associates of Applied Sciences in Medical Technology degree

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree

Occupational specialization in

Agriculture	Industrial
Business	Technical

Bachelor of Arts degree

Communications	Music
English	Political Science
History	Spanish

Bachelor of Business Administration degree

Accounting	Human Resources Management
Administrative Systems	Interdisciplinary Business
Computer Information Systems	Management
Economics	Marketing
Finance	

Bachelor of Fine Arts degree

Art	Theatre
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Bachelor of Music degree

Music

Bachelor of Science degree

Accounting	Exercise & Sport Studies
Administrative Systems	Finance
Agricultural Economics	General Agriculture
Agricultural Services & Development	Geosciences
Agronomy & Range Management	Horticulture & Landscape Management
Animal Industries	Human Sciences
Animal Production	Hydrology & Water Resources
Animal Science	Industrial Technology
Applied Science	Interdisciplinary Studies (Elementary Education)
Aviation Science	Interdisciplinary Studies (Agriculture)
Biology	International Agricultural Services
Biomedical Sciences	Liberal Studies
Business Administration	Management
Chemistry	Manufacturing Engineering Technology
Clinical Laboratory Science	Mathematics
Communications	Physics
Computer Information Systems	Political Science
Computer Science	Psychology
Criminal Justice	Sociology
Economics	Wildlife Management
Engineering Physics	
Environmental Engineering	

Bachelor of Science Nursing degree Nursing

Bachelor of Social Work degree Social Work

Undecided as to major The Division of General Studies advises all students who have not yet decided on their majors. Such students should schedule appointments with a member of the Division staff prior to their first semester of enrollment at Tarleton. Advisors in the Division refer students to campus services that help them select a major and provide academic advisement until such a selection has been made. More information about the Division of General Studies is on p. 57.

No secondary education degree program is available. However, secondary education certification courses may be a part of the curriculum leading to most Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degree programs for the purpose of secondary teacher certification. Students should consult both the College of Education for information concerning certification requirements and the specific academic department for their recommended degree program.

Please refer to the College of Graduate Studies in this catalog for information about graduate degree programs.