

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

OTHER ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Cooperative Education

Cooperative education in institutions of higher learning is an academic program that provides students with an opportunity to integrate formal academic work with planned and supervised experience in industry, government, or service agencies. Students are given an opportunity, through cooperative education, to earn a salary that may be used to finance their education. More importantly, the program allows student to participate in off-campus work experiences that are integrated with and that supplement their entire education and career goals.

Students may see their department heads for additional information about cooperative education.

Pre-law Study

Admission to law school is based primarily upon a student's performance on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and cumulative grade point average. Tarleton has no required pre-law major or curriculum, and students may take the LSAT and apply to law schools with any major offered at Tarleton. The LSAT covers three basic areas: logical reasoning, reading comprehension, and analytical reasoning. Students without a grounding in these areas have little chance of competing successfully for admission to selective law schools.

Students interested in preparing for the LSAT and law school are advised to consult the typical curriculum for their chosen degree and to consult the pre-law advisor early in their undergraduate program. The following courses are recommendations, not requirements, for solid pre-law preparation. These courses focus on various areas of public policy, legal processes, philosophy and logic, and communications skills. Students who plan to apply to law school should enroll in as many of these courses as possible. Students are particularly encouraged to focus on those courses listed below that fall within their major and/or minor fields of study.

Criminal Justice: C J, 232, C J 235, C J 237, C J 308, C J 315, C J 340, C J 412, C J 480/POLS 480.

Communications: COMS 101*, COMS 102*, COMS 301*, COMS 303, COMS 304

Economics/Agricultural Economics: ECO 401/A EC 402

Environmental Engineering/Hydrology and Water Resources: ENVE 430/HYDR 430

General Business: G B 403, G B 406, G B 407, G B 432, G B 433, G B 434, G B 444, G B 484

History: HIST 412, HIST 413

Management: MGMT 320/I T 320, MGMT 406, MGMT 407

Philosophy: PHIL 201, PHIL 301

Political Science: POLS 303, POLS 304, POLS 305, POLS 308, POLS 320, POLS 401, POLS 402, POLS 403/PHIL 403, POLS 404/PHIL 404, POLS 410, POLS 415

Social Work: SWK 306

For more information, contact Dr. Jeff Justice in the Department of Social Sciences.

*** These courses meet general education requirements.**

Pre-theological Program

Students seeking a bachelor's degree as preparation for entering a theological seminary will find that most programs for Master of Divinity and related degrees are based on the standards of the American Association of Theological Schools (AATS). These call for a heavy emphasis on the humanities, especially communication skills in written English and speech; basic knowledge of the past and present culture through history, sociology, philosophy, political science, literature, science, psychology, and related areas; and a foreign language. Of those languages offered at Tarleton, French or German is appropriate for those whose primary concern is scholarship; Spanish, for those planning a church ministry in the Southwest.

Some religious courses, such as those offered at religious centers at Tarleton, are valuable and usually taken by pre-ministerial students but the AATS discourages duplication of later work at the seminary. Although most seminaries accept candidates with a wide range of majors, the usual degrees for pre-seminary work are in such areas as English, communications, history, and sociology. Students planning to be candidates for seminary work need to check seminaries' catalogs for special requirements.

Religion Studies

Religion Studies courses are offered on campus through the Department of Social Sciences.