

UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

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, department head, and the dean of the appropriate college.