Undergraduate Programs

This section focuses on the general requirements for the baccalaureate degree and on academic policies and regulations that apply specifically to undergraduate students. For information on core curriculum requirements, see “University Core Curriculum Programs” in this catalog. For information on the Texas Success Initiative, see “Admission.” For information on specific majors and on college baccalaureate requirements, please refer to the chapters on specific colleges.

BACHELOR’S DEGREES

The University offers the following undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Applied Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies, and Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

University Minimum Requirements

General University requirements for baccalaureate degrees are:

Total Hours

A minimum of 120 semester hours of credit must be completed successfully. Some curricula or combinations of fields may require more.

Upper-division Hours

A minimum of 45 semester hours of upper-division credit (courses numbered in the 3000 and 4000 series) is required.

Grade Point Average

A minimum grade point average of 2.0 (C) on a 4 point scale in all work taken and a minimum grade point average of 2.0 in the major field of study at this University are required. Specific academic programs may require a higher grade point average in the major.

Residence Requirement

A minimum of 36 hours of upper-division course work required for graduation must be successfully completed in residence at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to obtain a baccalaureate degree. A minimum of 12 hours of these 36 hours must be in the major. Hours earned through credit by examination may not be used to fulfill the residence requirement. Hours earned through credit by examination at another institution will likewise not affect the residence requirement calculation.

General Education Requirement

To fulfill the general education requirement, a student must successfully complete the University core curriculum (or the equivalent as described below) and meet the foreign language and computer literacy requirements. In addition, all students who enter the University as full-time, first-year students must complete the First-Year Seminar requirement.

University Core Curriculum Requirement

The 45 hour University core curriculum, described in the “University Core Curriculum Programs” section, includes courses that satisfy the state statutory requirements for core curricula and the state statutory requirements in history and in government or political science. (To receive a bachelor’s degree, a student must have successfully completed 6 semester hours in government or political science, including consideration of the U.S. Constitution and state constitutions, with special emphasis on that of Texas. Additionally, the student must have credit for 6 semester hours in American history, of which up to 3 hours may be in Texas history.) Undergraduate transfer students have several means of fulfilling the core curriculum requirement.