

# Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies

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The Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies (BMS) degree gives students an opportunity to pursue a broad, interdisciplinary studies curriculum rather than having to follow a perspective specialized major. As an individualized program of study, the BMS emphasizes a wide-ranging learning experience and a more expanded perspective than that provided by traditional undergraduate majors. Students focus on an interdisciplinary theme, period, set of problems, specialization, or perception not currently available through established majors. There is no minor for BMS students

The BMS degree encourages students to tailor their study to their own personal and professional interests and needs. The degree provides students a fundamental knowledge of skills necessary to competently express themselves, think creatively, solve problems, and understand the nature and function of people and the environment.

Please contact the BMS Team (<https://www.utep.edu/liberalarts/bms/people/>) for program questions.

## Marketable Skills

1. Critical thinking: Analyze and evaluate issues in order to solve problems and develop informed opinions.
2. Leadership: Step up, think, and act critically and creatively to bring others together to accomplish a common task.
3. Problem-solving: Find solutions to difficult or complex issues.
4. Teamwork: Participate as an effective, efficient member of a group in order to meet a common goal.

## Admissions Requirements

- New, transfer, and returning students can declare their intention to work toward a BMS degree if they meet UTEP's admission requirements.
- The admissions process and official transcript evaluations must be completed prior to the creation of a degree plan for a student by a BMS advisor.
- All students admitted into the BMS program are required to meet each semester with a BMS advisor to select the courses they want to enroll in and to confirm that the courses selected can be used in the BMS Degree.
- If a student wishes to change the major to BMS, it will be done after the initial appointment with the BMS advisor.

## Degree Requirements

The Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies degree requires a minimum of 120 semester hours, including at least 45 hours at the advanced or upper-division (junior and senior) level. In addition to completing the 42 semester hour University Core Curriculum, each student defines, in consultation with a BMS advisor, three areas of concentration totaling 45 semester hours, including a minimum of 27 hours of advanced work. Each area of concentration is composed of 15 hours, nine (9) hours of which must be advanced. The goal of the concentration is to give students an interdisciplinary foundation that satisfies individual educational and professional goals while maintaining academic rigor and integrity. Thirty-three hours of electives, 18 of which must be advanced, bring the degree total to a minimum 120 semester hours.

Only 66 hours from a two-year institution or community college can apply toward the BMS. A foreign language is not required. A student on the ESOL track who has completed ESOL 1311 AND 1312 are required to complete ESOL 2303.

A 2.0 GPA is required for graduation.

## Degree Plan

The BMS requires 120 total credits for completion with a minimum of 45 upper-division credit hours. If you are a transfer student, be sure to consult with an advisor how many credits must be taken at UTEP as students meet the 30-hour residency requirement to complete the degree. A 2.0 GPA is required for graduation.

The BMS degree plan consists of:

Area	Hours	
Core Curriculum	42	
Three Concentrations	15 Each	9 upper-division Hours in each
Electives	33	18 upper-division hours
<b>120 Total</b>		

Concentrations for the BMS degree are determined by the coursework already completed and/or areas of interest applicable to the BMS program. A 2.0 is required in each concentration.

Please be sure to consult the UTEP Undergraduate Catalog and Speak with your academic advisor for institutional requirements.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>University Core Curriculum</b>		
Complete the University Core Curriculum requirements. (p. 2)		42
<b>Concentration 1</b>		
Lower Division		6 Hours
Upper Division		9 Hours
Total		15 Hours
<b>Concentration 2</b>		
Lower Division		6 Hours
Upper Division		9 Hours
Total		15 hours
<b>Concentration 3</b>		
Lower Division		6 Hours
Upper Division		9 Hours
Total		15 Hours
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>45</b>
<b>Elective Credits</b>		
Lower Division		15 Hours
Upper Division		18 Hours
<b>Total</b>		<b>33 Hours</b>

**Total: 120**

In addition to completing organized courses, students will be required to submit a final paper or project completed in an upper-level class during their final year of study to a BMS advisor.

For additional information, please see a BMS advisor.

## University Core Curriculum

The department may make specific suggestions for courses which are most applicable towards your major.

All courses require a C or better

### I. Communication (six hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Courses in this category focus on developing ideas and expressing them clearly, considering the effect of the message, fostering understanding, and building the skills needed to communicate persuasively. Courses involve the command of oral, aural, written, and visual literacy skills that enable people to exchange messages appropriate to the subject, occasion, and audience.		
Select six hours of the following:		6
For students whose secondary education was in English:		
COMM 1611	Written and Oral Communication	
ENGL 1313	Writing About Literature	

RWS 1301	Rhetoric & Composition I
RWS 1302	Rhetoric & Composition 2
RWS 1601	Rhetoric, Composition & Comm

For students whose secondary education was not in English:

ESOL 1311	Expos Engl Compos-Spkr Esl
ESOL 1312	Res & Crit Writng Spkr Esl

**Total Hours** 6

## II. American History (six hours)

Code	Title	Hours
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Courses in this category focus on the consideration of past events and ideas relative to the United States, with the option of including Texas History for a portion of this component area. Courses involve the interaction among individuals, communities, states, the nation, and the world, considering how these interactions have contributed to the development of the United States and its global role.

HIST 1301	History of U.S. to 1865	3
HIST 1302	History of U.S. Since 1865	3

**Total Hours** 6

## III. Language, Philosophy & Culture (three hours)

Code	Title	Hours
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Courses in this category focus on how ideas, values, beliefs, and other aspects of culture express and affect human experience. Courses involve the exploration of ideas that foster aesthetic and intellectual creation in order to understand the human condition across cultures.

Select one of the following: 3

AFST 2300	Intro-African Amer Studies
CHIC 2302	Latina/o Presence in the U.S.
ENGL 2311	English Literature
ENGL 2312	English Literature
ENGL 2313	Intro to American Fiction
ENGL 2314	Intro to American Drama
ENGL 2318	Intro to American Poetry
FREN 2322	Making of the "Other" Americas
HIST 2301	World History to 1500
HIST 2302	World History Since 1500
PHIL 1301	Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 2306	Ethics
RS 1301	Introduct to Religious Studies
SPAN 2340	Seeing & Naming: Conversations
WS 2300	Introduction to Womens Studies
WS 2350	Global Feminisms

**Total Hours** 3

## IV. Mathematics (three hours)

Code	Title	Hours
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Courses in this category focus on quantitative literacy in logic, patterns, and relationships. Courses involve the understanding of key mathematical concepts and the application of appropriate quantitative tools to everyday experience.

Select one of the following: 3

MATH 1309	College Algebra
MATH 1310	Trigonometry and Conics
MATH 1319	Math in the Modern World
MATH 1320	Math for Social Sciences I
MATH 1411	Calculus I
MATH 1508	Precalculus <sup>1,2</sup>
MATH 2301	Math for Social Sciences II
STAT 1380	Statistical Literacy

STAT 2480 Elementary Statistical Methods

1 A higher-level course in the calculus sequence can be substituted.

2 TCCN MATH 1314 will also satisfy this requirement.

**Total Hours**

**3**

## V. Life & Physical Sciences (six hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Courses in this category focus on describing, explaining, and predicting natural phenomena using the scientific method. Courses involve the understanding of interactions among natural phenomena and the implications of scientific principles on the physical world and on experiences.		
Select one of the following:		1-4
ASTR 1107	Astronomy Lab I	
ASTR 1307	Elem Astronomy-Solar System	
ASTR 1308	Elem Astr Stars & Galaxies	
BIOL 1103	Introductory Biology Lab	
BIOL 1104	Human Biology Laboratory	
BIOL 1107	Topics in Study of Life I	
BIOL 1108	Organismal Biology Laboratory	
BIOL 1203	Introductory Biology	
BIOL 1304	Human Biology	
BIOL 1305	General Biology	
BIOL 1306	Organismal Biology	
BIOL 2111	Human Anat/Physio Lab I	
BIOL 2113	Human Anat/Physio Lab II	
BIOL 2311	Human Anat/Physiology I	
BIOL 2313	Human Anat/Physiology II	
CHEM 1105	Laboratory for CHEM 1305	
CHEM 1106	Laboratory for CHEM 1306	
CHEM 1107	Intro General Chemistry Lab	
CHEM 1108	Intro Organic & Biochem Lab	
CHEM 1305	General Chemistry	
CHEM 1306	General Chemistry	
CHEM 1307	Intro to General Chemistry	
CHEM 1308	Intro Organic & Biochemistry	
ESCI 1101	Environmental Sci. Lab	
ESCI 1102	Non-major Lab for ESCI 1301	
ESCI 1202	Intro to Environment Science 2	
ESCI 1301	Intro to Environmental Sci	
GEOG 1106	Laboratory for GEOG 1306	
GEOG 1306	Physical Geography	
GEOL 1103	Lab for GEOL 1313	
GEOL 1104	Lab for GEOL 1314	
GEOL 1111	Principles of Earth Sci - Lab	
GEOL 1112	Laboratory for Geology 1212	
GEOL 1211	Principles of Earth Sciences	
GEOL 1212	Principles of Earth Science	
GEOL 1230	The Blue Planet	
GEOL 1231	Natural Hazards	
GEOL 1313	Intro to Physical Geology	
GEOL 1314	Intro to Historical Geol	
HSCI 2302	Fundamentals of Nutrition	
HSCI 2303	Wellness Dynamics	
MICR 2330	Microorganisms and Disease	

PHYS 1403	General Physics I	
PHYS 1404	General Physics II	
PHYS 2120	Laboratory for PHYS 2320	
PHYS 2121	Laboratory for PHYS 2321	
PHYS 2320	Introductory Mechanics	
PHYS 2321	Introductory Electromagnetism	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>6</b>

## VI. Political Science (six hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Courses in this category focus on consideration of the Constitution of the United States and the constitutions of the states, with special emphasis on that of Texas. Courses involve the analysis of governmental institutions, political behavior, civic engagement, and their political and philosophical foundations.		
Required Courses:		
POLS 2310	Introduction to Politics	3
POLS 2311	American Gover & Politics	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>6</b>

## VII. Social and Behavioral Sciences (three hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Courses in this category focus on the application of empirical and scientific methods that contribute to the understanding of what makes us human. Courses involve the exploration of behavior and interactions among individuals, groups, institutions, and events, examining their impact on the individual, society, and culture.		
Select one of the following:		3
ANTH 1301	Intro-Phys Anth/Archeolog	
ANTH 1302	Intro-Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 1310	Cultural Geography	
ANTH 2320	Intro to Linguistics	
CE 2326	Econ for Engrs & Scientists	
CHIC 2311	Intro to Chicano Studies	
ASIA 2300	Asian American Studies	
COMM 2350	Interpersonal Communication	
COMM 2372	Mass Media and Society	
ECON 2303	Principles of Macroeconomics	
ECON 2304	Principles of Microeconomics	
EDPC 1301	Introduction to Ed Psychology	
EDU 1342	Action Research in Classrooms	
ENGL 2320	Introduction to Linguistics	
GEOG 1310	Cultural Geography	
LEAD 2300	Leadership in Action	
LING 2320	Introduction to Linguistics	
LING 2340	Lang. Inside & Out: Sel Topics	
PSYC 1301	Introduction to Psychology	
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology	
SOCI 1310	Cultural Geography	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>3</b>

## VIII. Creative Arts (three hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Courses in this category focus on the appreciation and analysis of creative artifacts and works of the human imagination. Courses involve the synthesis and interpretation of artistic expression and enable critical, creative, and innovative communication about works of art.		
Select one of the following:		3
ART 1300	Art Appreciation	

ARTH 1305	History of Art I
ARTH 1306	History of Art II
CHIC 1311	Chicana/o Fine Arts Appreciat
DANC 1304	Introduction to Dance
FILM 1390	Intro-Art of Motion Pict.
MUSL 1324	Music Appreciation
MUSL 1327	Jazz to Rock
MUSL 2321	Music, Culture, and Society
THEA 1313	Introduction to Theatre

**Total Hours** **3**

## IX. Component Area Option (six hours)

Code	Title	Hours
a. A minimum of 3 SCH must meet the definition and corresponding Core Objectives specified in one of the foundational component areas. b. As an option for up to 3 semester credit hours of the Component Area Option, an institution may select course(s) that: (i) Meet(s) the definition specified for one or more of the foundational component areas; and (ii) Include(s) a minimum of three Core Objectives, including Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, and one of the remaining Core Objectives of the institution's choice.		
BUSN 1301	Intro to Global Business	
COMM 1301	Public Speaking	
COMM 1302	Business/Profession Comm	
CS 1310	Intro-Computational Thinking	
CS 1320	Computer Programming Sci/Engr	
EL 1301	Eng Innovation and Leadership	
ENGR 1302	Engineering Design Experience	
ENGR 1303	Applied Engineering Analysis	
LEAD 1300	Introduction to Leadership	
SCI 1301	Inquiry in Math & Science	
SPLP 1312	Comm. Var. Across the Lifespan	
UNIV 1301	Seminar/Critical Inquiry	

**Total Hours** **0**

## 4-Year Sample Degree Plan

Code	Title	Hours
<b>BACHELOR OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES</b>		
<b>FRESHMAN</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		<b>15</b>
General Core Math		
General Core Component Area		
RWS 1301	Rhetoric & Composition I	
Concentration I lower division course		
Concentration II lower division course		
<b>Spring</b>		<b>15</b>
RWS 1302	Rhetoric & Composition 2	
General Natural Science Lecture		
General Natural Science Lab		
General Core Component Area		
Concentration I lower division course		
Concentration II lower division course		
<b>SOPHOMORE</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		<b>15</b>
General Natural Science Lecture		
HIST 1301	History of U.S. to 1865	

General Creative Arts	
Concentration I upper division course	
Concentration II upper division course	
<b>Spring</b>	<b>15</b>
General Lang, Phil & Culture course	
HIST 1302	History of U.S. Since 1865
General Social & Behavioral course	
Concentration I upper division course	
Concentration II upper division course	
<b>JUNIOR</b>	
<b>Fall</b>	<b>15</b>
POLS 2310	Introduction to Politics
Concentration I upper division course	
Concentration II upper division course	
Concentration III lower division course	
Concentration III upper division course	
<b>Spring</b>	<b>15</b>
POLS 2311	American Gover & Politics
Concentration III lower division course	
Concentration III upper division course	
Lower Division Elective	
Upper Division Elective	
<b>SENIOR</b>	
<b>Fall</b>	<b>15</b>
Concentration III upper division course	
Lower Division Elective	
Lower Division Elective	
Upper Division Elective	
Upper Division Elective	
<b>Spring</b>	<b>15</b>
Lower Division Elective	
Lower Division Elective	
Upper Division Elective	
Upper Division Elective	
Upper Division Elective	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>120</b>