

Degree Program Requirements

Admission to the University's degree programs is determined by application to the academic unit offering the degree.

Degree Plan

Students are responsible for requesting the preparation of a degree plan through their major department advisor during the semester following admission to a degree program. No deviation from a degree plan will be allowed except with the written approval of the department advisor, the chair of the major department and the academic dean. A student should file an application for graduation in the Office of Admissions, Records and Registration before the start of the student's final semester of work for a degree. After the student makes application for graduation, the registrar's representative will determine whether the graduation requirements have been met.

Multiple Undergraduate Degrees at UT Arlington

While a student should carefully consider with an academic advisor if obtaining multiple undergraduate degrees is necessary for a given career path, it is possible for students to earn more than one undergraduate degree under the certain conditions and limitations.

Double Major

A student who fulfills the specified requirements for two different majors under a single degree, simultaneously prior to graduation, completes a double major. For example, a student may complete a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science - both B.A. degrees - or a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a Bachelor of Science in Biology - both B.S. degrees. Prerequisite and field of study courses are required to complete both majors. When applying for graduation, a student should note on the application that he/she will be completing an additional major. One diploma is issued and both majors are recorded on a student's transcript and diploma. Also, upon graduation, a student can attend multiple commencement ceremonies if the majors span across different colleges, though both majors are announced at any ceremony and college-specific policies apply for each ceremony.

Dual Degree

A student who fulfills the specified requirements for two different majors from different degrees, simultaneously prior to graduation, will complete a dual degree. For example, a student may complete a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations - a B.S. degree and a B.A. degree. The student must complete a minimum additional 30 credit hours beyond the degree plan with the greater required credit hours and also complete all

prerequisite and field of study courses for both degrees.

Upon graduation, the student must complete two graduation applications (one application for each degree) and pay the processing fee for each degree. Upon graduation a student can attend multiple commencement ceremonies if the majors span across different colleges, though both degrees are announced at any ceremony and college-specific policies apply for each ceremony.

Second Baccalaureate Degree

A student who earns a bachelor degree subsequent to receiving the first bachelor degree will complete a second baccalaureate degree. The student must complete at least 30 credit hours above and beyond the minimum number of hours to complete the first degree. One diploma is issued and the new degree is added to the student's transcript.

Academic Advising and Limitations

Students seeking a double major or dual degree must:

- seek regular advising for each degree program from the department offering the major.
- understand the requirements to remain in and graduate from each degree program.
- adhere to proper course sequencing and complete the proper prerequisite and field of study courses for each degree program.

All requirements to enter a major in a given department must be met in order to pursue that major/degree. Students who are not meeting the requirements to remain in a particular degree program can be removed from that major/degree and prohibited from further enrolling in coursework to earn the additional undergraduate degree.

A student can only work on two major/degree programs simultaneously. Some degree programs may limit or not permit the pursuit of a double major or dual degree. Students should discuss possible limitations with both departmental advisors to determine what limitations may apply. Additional major degrees cannot be added to students' degree plans until they have completed at least 30 hours of college coursework. It is also important to note that once a degree has been conferred and applied to a student's transcript the degree cannot be removed from the academic record.

Minor Field of Study

A minor requires at least 18 semester hours in a given program, including six hours of advanced work. Specific course sequences for a minor are determined by the program offering the minor. Since some undergraduate degree programs do not offer minors, students should consult an advisor in their program of study.

In a case where the student wishes to pursue a minor comprised of courses within the same college as that which offers his/her major program of study, the student and his/her advisor will propose a program of study/list courses for approval by the dean of the college.

In a case where the student wishes to pursue a minor which includes one or more courses offered by a different college from that which offers his/her major program of study, the student and his/her advisor will propose a program of study/list of courses for approval by both (a) the dean of the college which offers his/her major, and (b) the dean of the college which offers the minor courses.

In either case, the approved minor program of study will be forwarded to the Office of Admissions, Records and Registration for verification and notation on the student's transcript.

The Core Curriculum

The University of Texas at Arlington is committed to ensuring that students take a common core of courses during their tenure at the institution. These courses are central to any career a student may choose, since they provide basic skills, perspectives and knowledge. The remainder of a student's course work will focus on the methods, skills and knowledge appropriate to whatever field or discipline he or she chooses. One virtue of a core curriculum, besides the obvious practical one of helping graduates adapt to a rapidly changing economy, is that it provides a common cultural experience. This shared experience facilitates both appreciation and criticism of the values, norms and institutions of one's culture.

The specific aims of UT Arlington's core curriculum are to ensure that each graduate: (1) be able to read and write clear, correct English; (2) understand the features and exemplars of the major literary forms; (3) understand the basic principles of critical thinking, argument and mathematical relationships (as well as the relations among these); (4) understand and appreciate the scientific method of problem analysis (as well as the principal results in various fields); (5) comprehend the nature of historical research and the relevance of historical events to contemporary situations; (6) be able to analyze political and economic phenomena, including the functioning of and relations among national, state and local governments; (7) understand various forms of art and aesthetic principles; and (8) have a practical and theoretical knowledge of various human cultures, past and present.

Core Complete: Students who transfer from a Texas public community college or public university and are certified as core complete shall have satisfied the core requirements of UT Arlington. Academic departments may, in some instances, require specific courses outside their major as prerequisites for major course work. (See "Credit Evaluation" and "Transfer of Lower Division Course Credit" under Undergraduate Admission section, p.15-16.)

Transcript Codes: The Transcript Codes identify specific core requirements on a student's transcript. For further information on core transferability, consult with an academic advisor, or refer to the Texas Administrative Code.

Field of Study: Students who complete an approved field of study curriculum in whole or in part will receive academic credit for the equivalent courses within their selected field of study at UT Arlington. View the field of study curriculums approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board at www.thecb.state.tx.us.

Note: Consult a specific academic department in this catalog regarding further requirements for a degree in your area of interest.

Core Curriculum for a Bachelor's Degree

The University requires the following courses for each degree:

English Composition

Six hours (1301 and 1302 or suitable substitutes).

Literature

Three hours of English or modern language literature or other approved substitute.

Liberal Arts Elective

Three hours above the freshman level of literature, or social and cultural studies designated as taught in the College of Liberal Arts, or fine arts or philosophy, or technical writing.

U.S. History

Six hours of American history or three hours of American and three hours of Texas history. (This requirement is mandated by state law and cannot be waived.)

U.S. Political Science

Six hours covering U.S. and Texas constitutions. (This requirement is mandated by state law and cannot be waived.)

Mathematics

Six hours (MATH 1301 or higher. Credit will not be given for both MATH 1301 and 1302.)

Natural Science

Eight hours in a single lab science (biology, chemistry, geology or physics).

Social/Cultural Studies

Three hours*.

Fine Arts

Three hours from art, dance, music, architecture or theatre arts.

**The Social and Cultural Studies requirement will be satisfied by designated courses which have been approved by the Undergraduate Assembly. For a list of approved courses, contact the University Advising Center or see*

<http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/current/academic-planning/core-courses.php>.

International students whose secondary education was taught in their native tongue (other than English) may meet the modern language requirement for the Bachelor of Arts degree by successfully completing six additional hours in English beyond the general requirements for a bachelor's degree. The eight additional hours needed to fulfill the total degree requirements must be approved by the student's major department and must be included in the degree plan. The major department has the right to stipulate the modern language permitted for the bachelor's degree, provided the language is taught at UT Arlington.

Competence in Computer Use

Graduating students should be proficient in the use of computers. Proficiency is understood as the ability to use word-processing, database/spreadsheet and representative software of one's major discipline. Each student should be able to tap the communications, analytical and information-retrieval potential of computers to solve research problems and be able to evaluate the results. Students should consult their departmental, school or college advisors to determine the mechanisms by which they can demonstrate proficiency. An examination or completion of a department- or college-designated course may be required.

Competence in Communication

Students should have proficiency in communication skills including interaction in classroom settings to meet the needs of course work and the use of acceptable grammar and pronunciation in formal presentations. Students should consult their individual department, school or college advisors to determine the mechanisms by which they can demonstrate this competency. A proficiency examination or completion of a department- or college-designated course may be required.

Tuition for Excessive Undergraduate Hours

Pursuant to state law, students who first enrolled in any college or university in Fall 1999 or a later semester will be required to pay nonresident tuition rates if attempted undergraduate credit hours exceed a designated limit as explained below. Students who first entered a college or university in Fall semester 1999 through Summer semester 2006 are required to pay nonresident tuition rates when the credit hours attempted at a publicly-funded Texas college or university exceed by 45 or more the hours required for the student's declared baccalaureate degree. Students who first entered a college or university in Fall semester 2006 and thereafter are required to pay nonresident tuition rates when the credit hours attempted at a publicly-funded Texas college or university exceed by 30 or more the hours required for the student's declared baccalaureate degree. This requirement applies only to the first

baccalaureate degree earned; students already holding one baccalaureate degree are exempt when enrolled in a second baccalaureate degree program.

This requirement applies to **all credit hours attempted at any publicly-funded Texas institution, including courses with a grade of D, F, or W** as well as courses serving as a grade replacement and courses that have been grade replaced or grade excluded. Credit hours earned at a private or an out-of-state institution are not counted toward the limit. Some other exceptions may apply.

For more information about this state law, see www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us (Texas Education Code, secs. 54.014 and 61.0595)

Residency Requirements

The degree requirements for graduation in specific divisions of the University are explained at the beginning of each division in the catalog. In addition:

- Each candidate for a degree must complete and receive credit in residence* for:
 - a. 25 percent of the semester credit hours required for a degree (some colleges or schools may have additional residency requirements)
 - b. at least 18 semester hours of advanced (3000/4000 level) course work, to include 12 hours of advanced courses in the major subject
- Successful completion of a course of study prescribed by the major department, including a minimum of 36 advanced hours, is required for a degree at UT Arlington. Courses numbered with a first digit of 3 or 4 are classified as advanced courses.
- A minimum overall grade point average of 2.0 (C average) is required. In addition, a minimum grade point average of 2.0 in the major is required. Individual units will determine the specific courses to be included in the calculation of the GPA in the major, and may have higher overall GPA requirements for graduation than a 2.0. (The College of Business requires a 2.0 overall grade-point average, 2.0 on all course work taken in the college, and 2.0 within the major and concentration area for those majors having a concentration.)
- No more than 30 of the semester hours required for any degree may be completed by correspondence and/or extension, but may include approved online course work.
- Only the first four semester hours of exercise and sport activity (EXSA) and dance activity (DNCA) courses may be counted toward graduation. Additional activity courses taken will not be calculated in the student's grade point average. Each college, school or department will determine if activity courses satisfy degree requirements. Consult department academic advisor.
- Graduate courses (numbered 5000 and above) cannot be used to fulfill undergraduate degree requirements except in programs approved by the Undergraduate Assembly.
- To qualify for a second bachelor's degree, a student must complete all the degree requirements as stated in the catalog for that degree and must complete no fewer than 30 semester hours beyond those of the bachelor's degree program requiring the greater number of hours. The additional hours must be taken in residence at UT Arlington.

**The term "in residence" is defined as in residence at the (U.T. System) component which ultimately grants the degree. Residence credit does not include courses taken by extension or correspondence or exam, but may include approved online course work.*

75 Hours to Undergraduate Major Policy

This policy is included in the [Academic Regulations](#) section of this catalog.