Graduate Degrees Requirements

See Academic Regulations - Graduate Degrees (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/academic-regulations/) for specific TAMIU regulations.

- **Major/Minor Requirements:** Twenty-four to thirty-three hours in a major subject and six to twelve hours in a minor. Minors not currently included as options for the degree will require department and dean approval.

- **Concentrations:** Eighteen hours in each of two areas of concentration.

- **Admission:** No student seeking a graduate degree will be permitted to register for a graduate class until such time that he or she has been admitted to the University. Individuals wishing to take courses for personal growth, etc. may register for up to twelve hours as non-degree seeking. These courses may not be applicable to a degree program.

  - Applicants seeking admission to the Graduate School in the College of Arts and Sciences are encouraged to apply by **November 1** for the Spring Semester and **July 1** for the Fall Semester.

  - Applicants seeking admission to the **Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology** must complete additional admission requirements before **April 30** for Fall Semester.

  - Students wishing to change degrees must re-apply to the University. College of Arts and Sciences students who do not enroll for course work in a subsequent semester, are required to complete a "Leave of Absence" form.

- **Prerequisites (Stemwork):** Twelve advanced semester hours in the major subject to six advanced semester hours in each minor. The department, however, retains the right to examine the applicant’s prerequisites and to accept certain equivalent hours or to require additional work.

  - The maximum load for a graduate student for a long semester is nine (9) hours. The maximum load for summer school is six (6) hours per session. Any SCH load in excess of the maximum must be approved by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

- **Thesis/Interdisciplinary Study:** This is defined as a professional paper in the major field. All required course work must be completed before thesis is started.

- **Written Comprehensive Examination:** A comprehensive examination shall be passed by the candidate covering the major and minor fields, and each will be **VALID FOR ONE YEAR**. Exams will be given each long semester. A student who fails to pass one or more questions of the exam will be allowed one opportunity to repeat and pass the exam.

- **Oral Comprehensive Examination:** Oral exams must be completed by mid-November or mid-April.

- **Thesis Defense:** Thesis must be successfully defended before the faculty advisory committee for completion of graduate degree program.

- **Additional Master’s Degree Policy:** Students shall not be permitted to apply the same course credit to more than one master’s degree except in the Master of Public Administration program. Students pursuing the Master of Public Administration as an additional master’s degree, may obtain the degree upon successful completion of the major curriculum and substituting hours attained in the first masters program for nine hours of electives.

- **In Absentia:** Students in master’s degree programs in the COAS requiring a thesis who have completed all course work on their degree are required to register each subsequent fall and spring semester until the thesis receives final approval. Students who do not comply with this requirement will have their registration blocked.

- **Leave of Absence:** Under unusual circumstances, a student may petition for a leave of absence. The student’s Advisory Committee Chairperson and the Chair of the Department must approve the petition. If the petition is granted, the registration requirement will be set aside during the period of the leave and will not count towards the requirement that the student complete a master’s degree within a period of five years or within the time specified for the particular program. Leaves will be granted only under conditions that require the suspension of all activities associated with the thesis.

- **Combined BA/MA Degree:** Undergraduate students with majors in Communication, English, Criminal Justice, History, Mathematics, Political Science, Psychology or Sociology may pursue a combined BA/MA, BA/MS or BS/MS program. Students with an overall GPA of 3.2 or higher and a field GPA of 3.5 (3.25 for Mathematics) or higher (after completing at least six 3000-4000 level SCH; 9 SCH in Political Science with 3 SCH at the 3000-4000 level) may apply for admission to the Master of Arts/Master of Science program during their junior year. Students accepted into the program will begin taking graduate coursework during the senior year. Students must attain a “B” in their coursework to remain in and continue the combined program.

  - Students will need to complete all admission requirements to the program during their junior year. This includes: Application to the University for admission to graduate study and submission of an official copy of the student’s undergraduate transcript to the Dean of Graduate School. The student must also submit two letters of recommendation, one from the student’s faculty advisor and one from another faculty member. Interruption of progress toward the degree may result in the requirement to reapply to the program and meet all admission requirements at the time of application. Students seeking the BA/MA degree in Communication, English, History and Political Thought concentrating in History, History and Political Science, Political Science, or Sociology take up to 9 SCH of graduate coursework during the senior year. Students may count a portion or all of these graduate hours toward their undergraduate degree requirements or save a portion or all of them to count toward the graduate degree requirements. Graduate courses used toward the undergraduate degree
requirements will not be counted towards the graduate degree requirements.

• Undergraduate students with a major in Criminal Justice or Psychology may pursue a combined BS/MS or a BA/MS program. Students seeking the BS/MS degree in Criminal Justice or the BA/MS in Psychology may take up to 9 SCH of graduate coursework during the senior year. Students may count a portion or all of these graduate hours toward their undergraduate degree requirements or save a portion or all of them to count toward the graduate degree requirements. Graduate courses used toward the undergraduate degree requirements will not be counted towards the graduate degree requirements. Undergraduate students enrolled in the BA or BS in Mathematics (not the BA in Mathematics with 7-12 Certification) may pursue a combined BA/BS/MS program. Students seeking the BA/BS/MS degree in mathematics may take up to 9 SCH of graduate coursework during the senior year. Students may count a portion or all of these graduate hours toward their undergraduate degree requirements or save a portion or all of them to count toward the graduate degree requirements. Graduate courses used toward the undergraduate degree requirements will not be counted towards the graduate degree requirements. Students electing to complete the BA/BS/MS in Mathematics are eligible for either the thesis or non-thesis option.

• Minor in Information Systems. This minor is available in COAS degree programs which include 9 SCH in a minor. Students pursuing the graduate minor in IS must satisfactorily complete MIS 3310 Management Information Systems. The minor will consist of three courses, completed with a grade of “B” or better, from the following:

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Collaborative PH.D. in Hispanic Studies Offered by Texas A&M University-College Station

Texas A&M International University, through the Department of Humanities, cooperates with Texas A&M University in College Station in the delivery of their Ph.D. degree in Hispanic Studies. Faculty in the Department of Humanities occasionally teach courses via TTVN for the program, and students in the program from the Laredo area are offered access to our university’s TTVN facilities to take courses delivered by faculty in College Station or at Texas A&M University at Kingsville, another university cooperating in the delivery of the program. Faculty from our college also serve, as needed, on dissertation committees. Locally-based students in the program have also taught courses for the Department of Humanities in the past as graduate teaching assistants and currently as adjunct faculty.

Persons interested in admission into the program must apply directly to Texas A&M University in College Station at https://hisp.tamu.edu/graduate-program/.

Dr. Irma Cantú is the TAMIU contact for the program and may be reached at Irma.cantu@tamiu.edu or call her at 956.326.2657.

Degrees

GRADUATE DEGREES

• Master of Arts in Communication (MA) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/communication/master-arts-communication-ma/)
• Master of Arts in Communication Non-Thesis (MA) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/communication/master-arts-communication-non-thesis-ma/)
• Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology (MA) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/psychology-communication/master-arts-counseling-psychology-ma/)
• Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology Non-Thesis (MA) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/psychology-communication/master-arts-counseling-psychology-non-thesis-ma/)
• Master of Arts in English (MA) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/english/master-arts-english-ma/)
• Master of Arts in History & Political Thought, History Concentration (MA) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/humanities/master-arts-history-political-thought-history-concentration-ma/)
• Master of Arts in History & Political Thought, History Concentration Non-Thesis (MA) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/humanities/master-arts-history-political-thought-history-concentration-non-thesis-ma/)
• Master of Arts in History & Political Thought, Political Science Concentration (MA) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/social-sciences/master-arts-history-political-thought-political-science-concentration-ma/)
• Master of Arts in History & Political Thought, Political Science Concentration Non-Thesis (MA) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/social-sciences/master-arts-history-political-thought-political-science-concentration-non-thesis-ma/)
• Master of Arts in Language, Literature and Translation (MA) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/humanities/master-arts-language-literature-translation-ma/)
• Master of Arts in Sociology (MA) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/social-sciences/master-arts-sociology-ma/)
• Master of Arts in Sociology Non-Thesis (MA) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/social-sciences/master-arts-sociology-non-thesis-ma/)
• Master of Public Administration (MPA) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/social-sciences/master-public-administration-mpa/)
• Master of Science in Biology (MS) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/biology-chemistry/master-science-biology-ms/)
• Master of Science in Biology Non-Thesis (MS) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/biology-chemistry/master-science-biology-non-thesis-ms/)
• Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MS) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/social-sciences/master-science-criminal-justice-ms/)
• Master of Science in Criminal Justice Non-Thesis (MS) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/social-sciences/master-science-criminal-justice-non-thesis-ms/)
• Master of Science in Mathematics (MS) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/mathematics-physics/master-science-mathematics-ms/)
• Master of Science in Mathematics Non-Thesis (MS) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/mathematics-physics/master-science-mathematics-non-thesis-ms/)
• Master of Science in Mathematics, Mathematics Education Track Non-Thesis (MS) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/mathematics-physics/master-science-mathematics-mathematics-education-track-non-thesis-ms/)
• Master of Science in Psychology (MS) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/psychology-communication/master-science-psychology-ms/)
• Master of Science in Psychology Non-Thesis (MS) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/psychology-communication/master-science-psychology-non-thesis-ms/)

CERTIFICATE
• Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership and Management (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/graduate-information/arts-sciences/humanities/leadership-management/)