



# Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies

College of Liberal Arts

# Introduction

- The Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies (BMS) degree offers students the opportunity to achieve their educational goals with an interdisciplinary approach. BMS is an individualized, non-traditional program that emphasizes a broad learning experience.

# What is the BMS?

- A degree program that individualizes a student's preferences and interests.
- It maximizes the use of credit hours earned into three different areas of study.
- It provides students with a diverse educational experience.

# Who is it for?

Anyone who has accumulated college credit hours in several disciplines and is seeking to complete a degree in a timely manner.

- Transfer Students
- Students who have changed majors
- Military students and/or dependents
  - Credit awarded based on A.C.E. Recommendations
  - Accumulation of credit due to reassignments
- Working Students
  - Students needing a degree for job advancement
- Non-Traditional Students
  - Adult learners wishing to complete a degree for personal achievement

# Flexibility

Students have the choice of taking courses through various methods of instruction such as:

- Online
  - Full 16-week courses
  - Accelerated 7- or 8-week courses
- Face-to-Face
- Combination of both

Students can take a minimum of 3 hours or a maximum of 21 hours per semester in order to customize course loads to fit their individual scheduling needs.

# Degree Requirements

A minimum of 120 college credit hours consisting of the following:

- Completion of the Texas Core Curriculum: a minimum of 42 college credit hours that have been pre-approved by the state.
- Three Concentrations: a minimum of 15 college credit hours in each
  - Concentrations are determined on hours accumulated and/or student interest if applicable
  - Each concentration consists of 6 lower division and 9 upper division hours in three different disciplines.
- 33 hours of Electives, 18 of which must be upper division.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required as well as a 2.0 GPA in every Concentration and Electives section of the BMS Degree Plan.
- Transfer students must complete a minimum of 30 hours at UTEP.

Please Note: Our priority is to maximize the use of credit hours that a student has already earned.

# Interest and/or Changing Major

- If you are interested in the program or if you want to know if you are eligible for the program, please contact the BMS Advising Office to request a preliminary degree plan.
  - (915) 747-5151 or by email at [bms@utep.edu](mailto:bms@utep.edu).
- In order to change your major you must have received a preliminary BMS Degree plan and have met with a BMS Program Advisor.

# Requirements to Change Major

- Minimum 2.0 GPA and eligible to enroll (students cannot change major if their GPA is below a 2.0).
- Meet with a BMS Program Advisor and have received a preliminary BMS degree plan.

All Education majors in good academic standing will be required to submit a change of major form signed by the College of Education.



# For more information

BMS Advising Office

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- Monday – Friday 7:30pm-5:00pm

Advisors are available by appointment only.