

DIVISION OF GENERAL STUDIES AND HUMANITIES

The Division of General Studies and Humanities consists of General Studies, Languages and Literature, Liberal Studies, Music and Religion. In keeping with the liberal arts philosophy of Texas College, the Division of General Studies and Humanities advocates that the social, intellectual, and creative heritage of humankind is indispensable to the development of the total person and the competent worker. Texas College offers the Associate in Arts degree with a major in General Studies and the Baccalaureate degrees in majors of English, Liberal Studies, Music, and Religion.

OBJECTIVES: Objectives of the Division of General Studies and Humanities are to provide students with:

- A knowledge and an understanding of their cultural heritage;
- Good communication skills;
- The ability to reason and use good judgment;
- An awareness of and competency in various disciplines; and
- Knowledge of value differences and a consciousness of personal values, their implications in day-to-day decisions, and their relationship to the values of others and of other societies.

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS IN GENERAL STUDIES

The General Studies major is a generalist major. It gives students exposure to the select historical developments, philosophy, and scientific and mathematical bases that are the foundation for today's cultures and civilizations. Students gain a better understanding of their undergraduate specialty as a result of experiencing various disciplines in General Studies. It prepares students for entry level employment in business, industry, government, and public service. Once students successfully complete the requirements for the Associate in Arts degree, they may petition to continue in a baccalaureate degree program. A minimum of 63 program credit hours are needed to satisfy the major. (See Degree Plan in the Texas College Catalog.)

OBJECTIVES: The general studies program is designed to:

- Enable students to gain a broad-based foundation in the arts, sciences, and humanities while having flexibility in developing their educational goals; and
- Assist students in developing critical thinking, problem-solving, communications, research, and writing skills.

LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE

The Languages and Literature Department offers a major in English and courses in Spanish, speech, developmental writing, and developmental reading.

OBJECTIVES: The Languages and Literature Department will:

- Help students develop the ability to speak and write with clarity and correctness;
- Help students develop the ability and the desire to listen, speak, and to read with understanding and discrimination;
- Acquaint students with the principal ideas, trends, and forms of English, American, and world literature;
- Familiarize students with the development of the English language; and,
- Provide an intensive study of at least one author and one literary form.

THE ENGLISH MAJOR. There are two plans for those who wish to major in English: Plan I is the Standard Teacher Certification Program and Plan II is the non-teaching English Program. The Department offers the Bachelor of Science degree in English. A minimum of 125 program credit hours are needed to satisfy the major. (See Degree Plan in the Texas College Catalog.)

LIBERAL STUDIES

Liberal Studies provides an opportunity for students to explore major social, cultural, economic, environmental, and political issues through the lenses of scientific inquiry, ethical consciousness, historical contexts, and aesthetic awareness. The Liberal Studies major is for students who wish to pursue careers that utilize a broad liberal arts background, including government, public relations, journalism, criminal justice, small business management, non-profit service, and marketing. The Liberal Studies program is an interdisciplinary concentration comprised of complementary fields of study in four focus areas. In order to complete the program students are required to complete an approved internship. A minimum of 125 program credit hours are needed to satisfy the major. Students choose one focus area from the following options below, studying 12 upper level hours in each among three disciplines within the focus:

Liberal Studies Program Options

Focus Area (select one)	Related Disciplines
Business and Technology	Business Administration, Computer Science, and Mathematics
Communications and Fine Arts	English, Music, and Spanish
Social and Professional Sciences	Business Administration and Social Science
Technology and the Environment	Computer Science, Natural/Environmental Science, and Mathematics

(See Degree Plan in the Texas College Catalog.)

MUSIC PROGRAM

The General Studies and Humanities Department offers academic studies in music as well as courses that provide exposure in art and drama in the development of a cultured and well-rounded human being. The broad course offerings provide preparation in a liberal arts education. The Department makes available to students a rich variety of human experiences in these areas. The course offerings in art, music, and drama foster the awareness of the human potential for creativity, imagination, and appreciation for beauty. These courses provide exposure to works representative of ideas and values through the ages. The Department offers the Bachelor of Science degree in Music. A minimum of 128 program credit hours are needed to satisfy the major. (See Degree Plan in the Texas College Catalog.)

OBJECTIVES: Music Program students are:

- Provided the competencies, skills, techniques, and pedagogical concepts necessary to produce a good musician;
- Offered opportunities for acquaintance, training, and participation in music; and
- Provide an opportunity for students to interpret and create, to the highest level individual and group performances.

RELIGION

The vision of the Religion program is to empower those seeking to serve in Christian ministries by providing a broad intellectual foundation. The Department of Religion nurtures an informed, rich, and committed interest in Biblical teachings and theology. The program enables students to have the preparation needed for advanced study in a seminary or divinity school. (See Degree Plan in the Texas College Catalog.)

OBJECTIVES: The Religion program offers students the opportunity to:

- Learn the basic tenets of Christianity;
- Understand the development of the Bible; and
- Understand the development of the Christian church.

DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Texas College is committed to helping students develop the skills needed to optimize the probability of success academically and socially. In support of this aspect of the mission, the College provides developmental education courses and learning support services to assist students in being successful as they matriculate through their higher education experience.

DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM. The primary role of the developmental education courses is to prepare students to enroll in the college-level courses offered after placement testing (pre-testing) in the basic academic skills of grammar, writing, study-reading, and basic mathematics/pre-algebra. The preparation provided enables students to begin college-level courses with greater confidence and ability to comprehend and integrate subject matter at a more advanced level than experienced at the high school level.

Developmental Education Courses. Developmental education courses are structured classes aimed at providing basic skills assistance in writing and reading. Students enrolled in Development Educational Courses will not receive credit hours toward a degree plan for the completion of these classes. Enrollment in the courses presented below is **required** based on results of placement exams:

Developmental Education Courses

Course Code and Number	Course Name	Credit Hours
READ 0201	Developmental Reading I	2
READ 0202	Developmental Reading II	2
WRIT 0201	Developmental Writing I	2
WRIT 0202	Developmental Writing II	2

For more information any of the Division of General Studies and Humanities degree program, please call 903.593.8311, extension 2257 or visit www.texascollege.edu.

TEXAS COLLEGE

Mission Statement and Core Values

Texas College is a historical black college founded in 1894, by a group of CME ministers. Our mission, which continues to embody the principles of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, is to *ensure that the student body experiences balanced, intellectual, psychological, social and spiritual development, aimed at enabling them to become active productive members of society where they live and work.* (Recast and approved by the Board of Trustees at the Annual Meeting, April 15, 2011).

To address the mission, the College incorporates the core values of:

Academic Excellence – developing a culture of curiosity and creativity that will challenge the frontiers of teaching/learning; stimulate research; raise the level of analytical reasoning and inquiry; and enable students to acquire leadership, human relations, communications, and technology skills.

Integrity – instilling the pursuit of character, honesty and sincerity of purpose as the moral rubrics upon which the behaviors of our graduates and College family are anchored.

Perseverance – implanting diligence, enterprise and pride in the application of skills, knowledge and abilities developed during the course of study at Texas College.

Social Responsibility – promoting in the College community a conscious awareness that we are all stewards of the resources entrusted to our care.

Tolerance – emphasizing openness to divergent points of view, applying an eclectic approach to rational and analytical thinking.

Community Service – encouraging self-extension in service to others as the heart and soul of our educational enterprise.

DIVISION OF GENERAL STUDIES AND HUMANITIES FACULTY

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