

# MASTER OF SCIENCE-INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES W/ TEACHER CERTIFICATION

## Admission Requirements

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution
- Minimum of cumulative 2.80 GPA or 2.80 GPA in last 60 hours of undergraduate degree program
- Passing score on TEXES exam *for those pursuing the teacher certification path*
- Two letters of academic recommendation
- Personal Program of Study Proposal (1-2 page essay based on preliminary meeting with program coordinator). The proposal should include:
  - a. a statement of goals and why earning an interdisciplinary degree may be suitable for reaching professional/personal goals
  - b. a chart depicting the academic areas the student would like to study and why
  - c. current resume
- **Teacher Certification candidates must also apply through the TK20 (<https://tamut.tk20.com/campustoolshighered/start.do>) website.** For more information, contact the Graduate Alternative Certification Program Office at 903-223-3044 or [education.department@tamut.edu](mailto:education.department@tamut.edu). Requirements must be submitted to the Graduate Studies Office by the designated deadline of the first semester of enrollment. Review the Admission Criteria and Application on the website and the TK20 (<https://tamut.tk20.com/campustoolshighered/start.do>) website.

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## Degree Requirements

Students must meet with an advisor from the graduate alternative certification program in education and the MSIS program prior to enrolling in any coursework. Your advisor will help you choose your electives.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
<b>3 SCH in Research Methodology (Align with Anchor Discipline) - select from:</b>		<b>3</b>
ED 520	Research Design	
ENG 593	Research in Composition	
ENG 595	Research Literature and Techniques	
HIST 500	Historiography	
PSY 540	Research Literature and Techniques	
IS 596	MSIS Research Project	
<b>Anchor Discipline</b> <sup>1</sup> - All discipline courses must be 500 level or higher courses		<b>12-18</b>
<b>Supplemental Discipline (distinct from Anchor discipline)</b> <sup>For Psychology and Counseling see advisor for course selections - restrictions apply</sup>		<b>6-9</b>
<b>Supplemental Discipline (distinct from the Anchor discipline)</b>		<b>0-9</b>
<b>Minimum Hours for Degree</b>		<b>30</b>

<sup>1</sup> Supplemental discipline options in 1 of the following disciplines: Biology, Communication, English, History, Education Administration, Adult & Higher Education, Mathematics, Math Education, Instructional Technology, Special Education, Education, Reading, Psychology (see program advisor to select courses), Economics, Management, Counseling, or a discipline transferred from another accredited institution with approval of advisor.

**Alternative Teacher Certification:** Students desiring both state certification and a graduate degree may include A&M-Texarkana's alternative certification program in their MSIS degree plan. Students wishing to seek certification along with their MSIS should contact the Graduate Alternative Certification Program Office at 903-223-3044 or [education.department@tamut.edu](mailto:education.department@tamut.edu). NOTE: this pathway may require more credits.