

Restrictions

Number of Physical Activity Courses

No more than four semesters of kinesiology activity courses may be counted toward a degree, except for the kinesiology majors and minors.

Maximum Number of Hours in Religion

No more than 12 semester hours in religion may be counted toward any degree.

Correspondence Work

No credit earned by correspondence on a course previously failed in residence may be counted toward a degree at this university.

Graduation Under a Particular Catalog

A student may be graduated under a catalog of any year in which the student was registered as a degree-seeking student, provided that requirements are met within five years of the date of the catalog chosen¹, and provided that the institution offers courses listed as requirements. Should a student wish to change a catalog, he/she must first consult with his/her academic advisor and, subject to the Dean's discretion and applicable program accreditation requirements, must secure the Dean's approval. It is incumbent on the student to verify that the change appears in the degree plan.

If the student has not enrolled in the university in the past two years, he/she must meet graduation requirements in the catalog in effect at the time of re-entry as a degree-seeking student. The student may also choose to graduate under any catalog published subsequent to the term of re-entry as a degree-seeking student.

Students who change their majors at this university, provided they have not interrupted their enrollment as a degree-seeking student at Texas A&M University-Kingsville for more than one year, may graduate under the general degree requirements stated in the catalog in effect at the time of first enrollment at the university, but must satisfy the college and major degree requirements stated in the catalog in effect at the time the change in major becomes effective.

¹ Only with special approval from the Dean may a student graduate under the requirements of a catalog issued over 5 years prior to the student's date of graduation.

Application for Graduation

A student who plans to receive a degree from Texas A&M University-Kingsville must apply for graduation via the online process in Blue and Gold Connection. An "Application for Candidacy" must be submitted to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs by the deadline date designated in the Academic Calendar. The online Academic Calendar should be consulted for specific application and deadline dates. The degree will not be conferred unless the candidate has completed the application process on or before the designated deadline.

Use of Official Name

Students applying for graduation must use their official name as listed on their permanent record in the Office of the Registrar. No nicknames or any other informal name will be allowed. All printed information, including diplomas, transcripts, and commencement programs, will list a student's official name. Students requesting a name other than their official name on their diploma must change their name on their permanent record.

Double-Dipping

What is Double-dipping?

Double-dipping is the application of a single course to multiple academic degree requirements and is permitted only when a student is concurrently pursuing a dual degree or double major, minor, or certificate. Examples of double-dipping include:

- Utilizing a course taken in the Core Curriculum to satisfy the Core as well as a major or minor, concentration or other degree requirement when they are the same.
- Utilizing a course required in two majors to satisfy the same course requirement for both majors.
- Utilizing a course in the major to satisfy a minor, certification, or micro-credential.
- Utilizing a course in a minor to satisfy the requirements of a different minor

Programs that do not allow double-dipping will indicate so in the university catalog. In all cases, students must meet the minimum semester credit hours required for the degree.

What is a Dual Degree?

A dual degree allows a motivated student to pursue two separate degree credentials, such as a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science. A student pursuing a dual degree concurrently must satisfy the specific catalog requirements for each degree. An example of a dual degree: B.S. in Chemical Engineering and B.A. in History. Students completing requirements for a dual degree will receive two diplomas with each degree indicated.

What is a Double Major?

A double major allows a motivated student to pursue one degree in two different academic disciplines. Examples of a double major include a B.A. in History and a B.A. in English, or a B.S. in Biology and a B.S. in Mathematics. The degree for a double major is one degree; one diploma will be issued with both majors indicated.

The following conditions apply to Dual Degrees and Double Majors

- Courses common to both degree programs or majors (such as core curriculum requirements) may be counted toward the requirements for each degree or major.
- Additional courses required in one degree or major may be used as free or directed electives in the other degree or major.
- Students are not required to declare academic minors if pursuing a dual degree or double major.
- Students must have academic advisors in each program.
- Students must meet all college and departmental requirements, as well as specific GPA requirements, for each degree or major.
- Students must meet residency requirements and complete all coursework or unique program requirements specific to the major fields of study.
- Students currently enrolled who wish to pursue a dual degree or double major must receive approval from the programs offering both the primary and secondary degree or major, normally no later than the time the student reaches junior standing.

Dual Degree Conditions

- The total semester hours required must be at least 30 hours additional to the greater number required for either degree (for example, B.S. in Chemical Engineering at 130 hours and an additional 30 hours for the B.A. in History).
- Students may not pursue more than two degrees concurrently.
- Degree programs that limit or do not permit dual degrees will indicate so in the university catalog.

Double Majors

- Students may not pursue more than two majors concurrently.

Minors and Certificates

- Students may use coursework from the major or other minors to complete a different minor or certificate.