

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT MARTIN

Department of University Studies



UT Martin currently offers the Bachelor of University Studies (BUS) degree. The BUS degree is an individualized degree that allows students to choose courses that best match their career goals. Created to meet the needs of working adults and others whose educational objectives are unmet by traditional degree programs, the BUS is a self-designed general studies degree. There are no specific course requirements beyond 38 hours in “core” courses, and students might receive academic credit for previous non-college learning experiences. The BUS is a full, four-year baccalaureate degree that complies with all university requirements.

Core courses include:

- Biological and Physical Systems (8 hours)
- Communications (9 hours)
- Fine Arts (Aesthetics) (3 hours)
- Humanities (9 hours)
- Mathematics (3 hours)
- Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)

This degree can either be obtained through traditional on-campus coursework or online. The online BUS degree is a degree completion program that allows students to complete a degree that they started but never finished.

An individualized degree program is constructed in consultation with an adviser. This portion of the student’s program provides for the in-depth examination of some area of study. In traditional terms, it would comprise the courses of the major and the minor or the courses of the major plus an integrated cluster of related and supportive courses. The area of interest will include no fewer than 42 semester hours and no more than 54 semester hours. A minimum of 18 upper-division hours is required within the area of interest. No more than 36 semester hours in one discipline may be used within the area of interest and no more than 50 hours in one discipline may be counted towards the degree. The student must earn a grade of C or better in all courses offered for the area of interest. The area of interest plan must be submitted prior to accumulation of 90 earned hours toward the degree. It then becomes the student’s official program of study. Any modification to the student’s program must be approved by the University Studies Council.

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Student Support

- Online Learning Resources
- Online Blackboard Orientation
- Online Video Tutorials

Graduation Requirements

- Credits required for graduation: at least 120 hours
- Minimum credits in upper-division courses: 36 UD hours required, 27 hours must be taken from UT Martin
- Minimum credits at UT Martin: 30 hours
- Minimum credits at an accredited four-year institution: 60 hours

Sufficient electives must be taken to bring the total credits for the program to a minimum of 120 semester hours.



Get On The BUS!

- Choose from online courses oriented towards your area of interest
- Quality courses taught by top faculty members
- Inexpensive tuition
- Financial aid
- Attend class anytime, wherever there is an internet connection
- Receive your course work, assignments and grades online

"I found the BUS program to be a great solution to the problem of "how do I get my degree and still work?" As a non-traditional student who works full time, I found the mix of on-line and on-site classes to be of benefit. My program was tailored to fit my interests and my class schedule was tailored to fit my work schedule. My classes were exactly the same as any other student's classes – the same faculty, the same syllabus, and the same homework. The Bachelor of University Studies is a degree on the same level as a Bachelor of Science; I just had the opportunity to choose my classes and the delivery method that some other majors don't have."

-Name of recent BUS Graduate



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