



The University of Tennessee at Martin

Planning Guide –Bachelor of University Studies (B.U.S.) Degree

Name: _____ ID# _____

The Bachelor of University Studies (B.U.S.) is an individualized degree program. Created to meet the needs of working adults and others whose educational objectives are unmet by the traditional degree programs, the B.U.S. is a self-designed general studies degree in which students choose those academic courses that best meet their career goals. The 38 hours of “core” courses constitute the only specific course requirements, and students may receive up to 30 hours of academic credit for previous non-college learning experiences. The B.U.S. is a full, four-year baccalaureate degree that complies with all University requirements.

INDIVIDUALIZED DEGREE PROGRAM

The student interested in the B.U.S. option:

- Prepares an individualized degree program in consultation with a faculty advisor whose educational and professional background is related to the student's programmatic goal.
- Obtains written approval of the degree program from the vice chancellor for academic affairs (or designate).
- Prior to accumulation of 90 earned hours, file copies of the approved degree program with the:
 - University Registrar
 - Faculty Advisor

The approved individualized degree program then becomes the student's official Program of Study. Any subsequent modifications to the student's program require written approval of the Online and University Studies Council.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Credits required for graduation	120
Minimum credits in upper-division courses (300-400 level)	36
Minimum credits at UT Martin (25% of degree)	30
Minimum credits at an accredited 4-year institution	60
Minimum cumulative GPAs:	
For all courses taken	2.00
For all UT Martin course hours	2.00
For last 30 hours required to be taken from UTM	2.00

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General Education REQUIREMENTS	COURSE DISCIPLINE	HRS	COURSE NUMBERS
COMMUNICATION	English Composition Oral Communication	6 3	111____ 112____ 230____
GLOBAL DYNAMICS	Agricultural English French Geography German History Honors Natural Resources Management Philosophy Spanish	9	295____ 250____ 251____ 260____ 261____ 270____ 271____ 250____ 151____ 152____ 202____ 250____ 121____ 122____ 201____ 202____ 111____ 101____ 110____ 120____ 250____
MATHEMATICS	Mathematics – 3 sem. Hours Mathematics (Nature of) College Algebra Calculus for Business & Life Sci Pre-calculus Statistics Calculus	3	130____ 140____ 160____ 185____ 210____ 251____
BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES	Astronomy Biology Chemistry Geology Physics (Univ. : Calculus based) Physics (College: Non-calculus) Zoology	8	201____ 202____ 110____ 120____ 100____ 121____ 122____ 110____ 120____ 220____ 221____ 101____ 102____ 211____ 212____ 200____ 201____ 251____ 252____
SOCIAL DYNAMICS	Economics Engineering Health Honors Interdisciplinary Studies Philosophy Political Science Psychology Social Work Sociology	6	100____ 201____ 202____ 100____ 111____ 112____ 201____ 130____ 160____ 210____ 120____ 220____ 201____
AESTHETICS	Art Art History Dance Music Theatre	3	110____ 210____ 211____ 110____ 111____ 112____ 110____ 111____
TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION		38	

Experiential Credit	Total Hours Approved:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While not required, students may be awarded up to 30 credit hours for learning that has taken place in settings other than the college classroom or laboratory. Examples of non-college learning that can be converted into college credit include real estate schools, banking institutes, military training, business programs, law enforcement academies, fire and safety institutes, technical/vocational certificates, seminars, workshops, in-service training or formal job training. The student will present a portfolio, documenting all experiential learning for which credit is sought. The student's advisor and the vice chancellor for academic affairs' designate will evaluate the portfolio and may assign from 0-12 hours credit. Credit for up to 18 additional hours, or any upper-division hours, may only be awarded by the Undergraduate Council. If experiential credit is awarded, it becomes part of the student's university transcript; it may not substitute for any general education requirement and it may be applied only to the Bachelor of University Studies degree. 	
Portfolio Comments:	

Total Hours Required for Degree (120 minimum)	Total Hours:
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Anticipated Semester of Graduation: _____

Submitted: _____ _____ _____ _____
 Student's Signature Date Academic Advisor Date