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The College of Applied Arts’ mission is to prepare undergraduate and graduate students for careers through programs of high quality in academic, professional, and technical areas; to further faculty excellence in teaching supported by quality scholarship; and to enhance our involvement with local, state, national, and international constituencies.

The College of Applied Arts offers four undergraduate degrees: (a) Bachelor of Science in Agriculture; (b) Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice; (c) Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences; and (d) Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences. In addition, the Departments of Aerospace Studies and Military Science prepare students for commissioning in the United States Air Force, United States Army, United States Army Reserves, or Army National Guard.

Twenty-one undergraduate majors (several with specialized options) are offered by three departments and one program within the College:

- Agriculture: animal science, general agriculture with or without teacher certification, agricultural business and management with specializations in agribusiness management, agricultural systems management, and horticultural business.
- Criminal Justice: law enforcement, corrections, criminal justice.
- Family and Consumer Sciences: family and consumer sciences (with consumer science option and teacher certification option), family and child development (with teacher certification option), fashion merchandising, interior design, nutrition and foods (with teacher certification option).
- Occupational Education Program: applied arts and sciences. (Individualized degree program that offers adults the opportunity to receive college credit for previous competencies acquired in the workplace as well as select a new career path or supplement skills in current path.)

Several of the College’s programs have internship courses. An internship provides opportunities for students to further their education in an environment external to Texas State. These courses have minimum entrance requirements including good academic standing at the time of the internship. More specific course requirements are available from the department of your major.

Credit by exam, CLEP, DANTES and other similar proficiency examinations satisfy degree requirements in the same way as credit earned by passing courses except that they do not count as credit earned in residence.

No more than six (6) semester credit hours of major courses beyond those that apply toward the major will count for credit toward graduation. Hours of major work beyond the six (6) semester credit hours will be treated as non-credit. These hours, however, will be a part of the cumulative Texas State GPA if they have been taken at Texas State.

**Academic Advising Center**

The mission of the College of Applied Arts Academic Advising Center is to provide accurate and timely advice to prospective and current students regarding their progress toward completion of degree programs administered by the college. Services include preparation of degree audits, assistance with degree planning, scheduling of classes, counseling for probation and suspension holds, evaluation of transfer work, and application for graduation. Please contact the Advising Center staff to schedule an appointment for advising. Staff are available to meet with students Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.