



TEXAS A&M **INTERNATIONAL** UNIVERSITY

Academic Programs

An academic program is a degree program as authorized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) or a certificate awarded by the university.

Degrees:

A degree program is a series of courses leading to a degree authorized by THECB. Undergraduate degrees will have a minimum of 120 semester credit hours, and graduate degrees at the master's level will have a minimum of 30 graduate credit hours and at the doctoral degree level at least 75 total graduate credit hours. Degree titles as authorized by THECB will be noted on diplomas and on official transcripts.

Majors:

A major within a degree consists of at least 24 credit hours in a discipline. Majors will be noted on the diploma if authorized by THECB and on the official transcript.

Minors:

A minor consists of a minimum of 18 credit hours in a discipline or topic. Minors will be noted on the official transcript.

Concentrations:

A concentration consists of a set of related courses within a major (the exception being the university's education concentration in preparation for TEA certification) and is available only to students enrolled in that major. The number of credit hours for a concentration may vary. Concentrations will be noted on the official transcript.

Certificates:

A certificate consists of 12-15 credit hours in a subject or combination of subjects that represents the attainment of discrete knowledge or skills. Certificates are awarded to degree-seeking students at the time of completing the degree and are awarded to non-degree seeking students when they have met the requirements of the certificate. Certificates will be noted on the official transcript.