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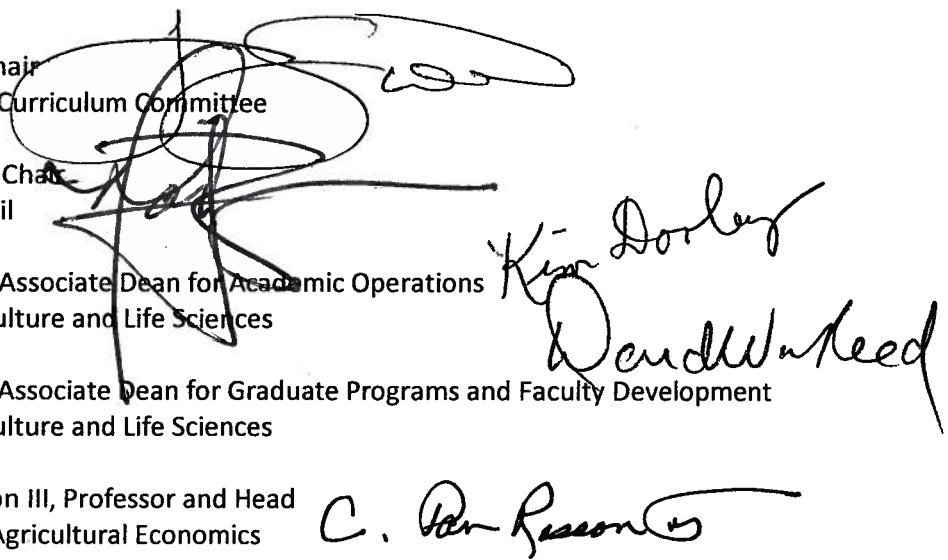
TO: Dr. Tim Scott, Chair
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Dr. Mark Zoran, Chair
Graduate Council

THROUGH: Dr. Kim Dooley, Associate Dean for Academic Operations
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Dr. David Reed, Associate Dean for Graduate Programs and Faculty Development
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

FROM: Dr. C. Parr Rosson III, Professor and Head
Department of Agricultural Economics



This memorandum confirms that the Department of Agricultural Economics fully and enthusiastically supports the establishment of a joint degree between the Department of Agricultural Economics and the Bush School of Government and Public Service. Students enrolled in this program would receive their Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics (B.S. in AGECE) and a Master's of Public Service and Administration (MPSA) degree in five years. The program includes a total of 151 hours with 17 hours being applied toward both their B.S. in AGECE and their MPSA.

We feel that this program will provide an enriching educational opportunity and promising professional development to highly motivated students at Texas A&M University. The Department of Agricultural Economics shares many complementary interests such as public policy analysis and natural resource concerns with the Bush School of Government and Public Service. In addition to providing this opportunity to students at Texas A&M University, the program will encourage collaboration between the two faculties that is consistent with the mission of the university and the needs of Texas and the nation.

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July 30, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Mark Zoran
Graduate Council Chair

Dr. Tim Scott
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Chair

THROUGH: Amb. Ryan Crocker
Dean of The Bush School of Government and Public Service

FROM: Dr. William F. West *W.F. West*
Director of Master of Public Service and Administration Program
The Bush School of Government and Public Service

SUBJECT: Statement of Support for Establishment of Joint Degree Program

This memorandum affirms that the Bush School of Government and Public Service fully supports the establishment of a joint degree program between the Public Service and Administration Department and the Agricultural Economics Department. Students enrolled in this program would receive their Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics and a Master's of Public Service and Administration (MPSA) degree in five years. We believe that this program will open an intellectually exciting and promising career path for a select group of Texas A&M students. The Agricultural Economics Department and the Bush School have complementary interests, moreover, and this program will encourage collaboration between the two faculties that is consistent with the mission of the university and the needs of Texas and the nation. The Bush School is enthusiastic about this arrangement for these reasons.

PROPOSAL FOR A FIVE-YEAR JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM

The Department of Agricultural Economics and the Bush School of Government and Public Service propose a joint degree program that would allow agricultural economics majors to enter the Bush School at the beginning of their fourth year at Texas A&M. These students would receive their Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics and a Master's of Public Service and Administration (MPSA) degree in five years.

DESCRIPTION

Students admitted to the proposed joint-degree program will have completed 103 hours of the 120 hours of course work required to receive their Bachelor's degree. These courses must include all of the specific prerequisites for a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics and by Texas A&M University for an undergraduate degree.

Major Coursework – 43 hours total (3 hours of major coursework would apply for Bush School Credit)

- AGEC 105 – 3 hours
- AGEC 217 – 3 hours
- AGEC 314 – 3 hours
- AGEC 317 – 3 hours
- AGEC 330 – 3 hours
- AGEC 340 – 3 hours
- AGEC 350 – 3 hours
- AGEC 429 – 3 hours
- AGEC 452 or AGEC 453 – 3 hours
- AGEC 430 or ECON 311 – 3 hours
- AGEC 344 – 3 hours
- AGEC 481 – 1 hour
- AGEC elective (Select from any 300 or 400 level AGEC course that is not already required)
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- AGEC elective – 3 hours (Select from the following would also count as MPSA electives)
 - AGEC 604 – Natural Resource Economics – 3 hours (prereq ECON 323 and cross-listed with BUSH 663)
 - AGEC 606 – Water Resource Economics – 3 hours (prereq MATH 142)
 - AGEC 607 – Research Methodology – 3 hours (prereq MS or PhD graduate classification)
 - AGEC 610 - Economics of Biosecurity – 3 hours (prereq graduate classification)
 - AGEC 614 - Global Food and Agribusiness Policy (prereq AGEC 619 or ECON 607 and MATH 142)
 - AGEC 633 – Sustainability in World Development (prereq ECON 607 or equivalent)
 - AGEC 652 – International Agribusiness Trade Analysis (prereq ECON 607 and MATH 142)

Supporting Coursework – 24 hours

- ECON 202 – 3 hours
- ECON 203 – 3 hours

- ACCT 209 – 3 hours
- ACCT 210 – 3 hours
- STAT 303/302/301 – 3 hours
- ECON 323 – 3 hours
- Non-AGEC elective – 6 hours Select from the following
 - ECMT 461 – Economic Data Analysis
 - ECON 433 – Energy Markets and Policy
 - ESSM 406 – Natural Resources Policy
 - FSTC 444 – Fundamentals of Food Laws
 - GEOG 330 – Resources and the Environment
 - GEOG 430 – Environmental Justice
 - GEOS 430 – Global Science and Policy Making
 - MKTG 409 – Principles of Marketing
 - POLS 340 – Introduction to Public Administration
 - POLS 364 – Global Political Thought
 - POLS 412 – International Political Economy
 - POLS 415 – Contemporary Issues in American Foreign Policy
 - POLS 439 – Foreign Policy Decision Making
 - POLS 440 – Public Policies and Policymaking
 - POLS 447 – National Security Policy
 - POLS 475 – Government and the Economy
 - URPN 360 – Issues in Environmental Quality
 - WGST 430 – Employment Discrimination Law

Core Requirements – 39 hours

- *Social and Behavioral Sciences (met with required AGECE 105 which is included in Major Coursework)*
- Communication – 6 hours (ENGL 103 or 104 required plus 3 additional hours)
- Math – 6 hours (MATH 141 and MATH 142)
- Life and Physical Sciences – 9 hours
- Language, Philosophy & Culture – 3 hours
- Creative Arts – 3 hours
- American History - 6 hours
- Government / Political Science – 6 hours

General Electives – 14 hours. *These hours would be filled with courses used to meet the MSPA degree requirements.*

A total of 17 hours would apply toward both the B.S. degree in AGECE and MSPA degree. (14 hours general electives and 3 hours of 600 level AGECE coursework)

Students admitted into the five-year program (having completed a minimum of 103 credit hours toward their bachelor's degree) will be enrolled in Bush School graduate courses with an undergraduate classification (U4) for the fall of their fourth year and will be reclassified as degree-seeking master's degree students (G7) upon completing 116 credit hours. This will normally occur at the beginning of the spring semester of their fourth year.

Students in the five-year program will be required to complete the same two-year, 48 hour curriculum as other students admitted to the MPSA program. The curriculum combines nine core courses in public management, policy analysis, economics and research methods with seven electives, *one* of which must be selected from the following specific list of courses:

- AGEC 604 – Natural Resource Economics – 3 hours (prereq ECON 323 and cross-listed with PSAA 663)
- AGEC 606 – Water Resource Economics – 3 hours (prereq MATH 142)
- AGEC 607 – Research Methodology – 3 hours (prereq MS or PhD graduate classification)
- AGEC 610 - Economics of Biosecurity – 3 hours (prereq graduate classification)
- AGEC 614 - Global Food and Agribusiness Policy (prereq AGEC 619 or ECON 607 and MATH 142)
- AGEC 633 – Sustainability in World Development (prereq ECON 607 or equivalent)
- AGEC 652 – International Agribusiness

A professional internship is also required and must be completed in the summer between the first and second years at the Bush School for those without substantive professional experience.

First Year

Fall

PSAA 601: Foundations of Public Service*
PSAA 621: Economic Analysis or ECON 607:
Microeconomic Analysis*
BUSH 631: Quantitative Methods*
One approved PSAA elective

Spring

PSAA 611: Public Policy Formation
PSAA 622: Public Finance*
BUSH 635: Quantitative Methods II*
Elective: One chosen from AGEC courses listed above**

Summer

Professional internship required for those without substantive professional experience.

Second Year

Fall

PSAA 675: Capstone Seminar I
PSAA 615: Policy Analysis
Two approved elective: Chosen in consultation with advisor

Spring

BUSH 676: Capstone Seminar II
Three electives chosen in consultation with advisor

*Bush School courses double-counted as AGEC general electives

** AGEC course double-counted as AGEC major course

As indicated above, students will double-count courses taken in the Bush School as credit towards their MPSA degree and as substitutes for some of the agricultural economics electives and some of the general electives required for their bachelor's degree.

ADMINISTRATION/APPLICATION

Agricultural Economics majors who have at least a 3.25 GPA and who will have completed all of their prerequisite courses and otherwise completed 103 hours by the fall of their fourth year will be eligible to apply for the five-year program during their junior year. Applicants to the five-year program will submit the same materials (including GRE scores) as other MPSA applicants, and those whose records are judged to be competitive by the mid-January deadline will be invited to attend the GBS Interview Conference Weekend in late February/early March. The admissions criteria for the five-year program will be the same as for other MPSA students.

Students who choose not to finish the MPSA degree after being admitted to the five-year program may exit the program at any time. Completed MPSA courses will be applied to their bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics, and students will select the Agricultural Economics option area that is most appropriate for their interest. Failure to complete the MPSA program will in no way impede their ability to attain a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics when the requirements for that degree are completed.

Advising for the five-year program will involve a coordinated effort by the Undergraduate Program Office in the Department of Agricultural Economics and the Director of the MPSA program in the Bush School. Advising by the Department of Agricultural Economics will help ensure that interested students have satisfied the prerequisite course requirements for their bachelor's degree by the beginning of their senior year. The MPSA director and GBS director of recruiting will also be available for agricultural economics students who wish to set up appointments to talk individually about the MPSA program's curriculum and career opportunities available to its graduates.

Agricultural Economic - Bush School of Government and Public Service - Joint Degree

Freshman Year: Fall	Hours	Freshman Year: Spring	Hours	Summer: End of Fresh YR	Hours
AGEC 105	3	COMM Req	3		
ENGL 104	3	MATH 142	3		
MATH 141	3	Amer. Hist. Req.	3		
Amer. Hist. Req.	3	Life and Physical Science	3		
Life and Physical Science	3	Creative Arts	3		
	15		15		

Sophomore Year: Fall	Hours	Sophomore Year: Spring	Hours	Summer: End of Soph YR	Hours
ECON 202	3	ECON 203	3	AGEC 314	3
AGEC 217	3	ACCT 210	3	Non-AGEC Elective	3
ACCT 209	3	GOVT/POLS requirement	3		
GOVT/POLS requirement	3	Life and Physical Science	3		
Lang, Phil, and Culture	3	STAT 303/3002/301	3		
	15		15		6

Junior Year: Fall	Hours	Junior Year: Spring	Hours	Summer: End of JR YR	Hours
ECON 323	3	AGEC 317	3	Non-AGEC Elective	3
AGEC 340	3	AGEC 350	3		
AGEC 330	3	AGEC 344	3		
AGEC 452 or 453	3	AGEC 430 or Econ 311	3		
AGEC 429	3	AGEC 481	1		
AGEC elective	3	AGEC elective	3		3
	18		16		

Senior Year: Fall	Hours	Senior Year: Spring	Hours	Summer: End of SR YR	Hours
PSAA 601*	3	PSAA 611	3	Professional Internship	
PSAA 621 or ECON 607*	3	PSAA 622*	3		
PSAA 631*	3	BUSH 635*	3		
One Approved PSAA elective	3	AGEC Elective - 600-level**	3		
	12		12		

Fifth Year: Fall	Hours	Fifth Year: Spring	Hours		
PSAA 675	3	BUSH 676	3		
PSAA 615	3	Elective - 600-level	3		
Elective - 600-level	3	Elective - 600-level	3		
Elective - 600-level	3	Elective - 600-level	3		
	12		12		

* 14 hours Bush School MPSA coursework double-counted as general electives for the B.S. degree in AGECE.

** AGECE 600 elective course double-counted as Bush School credit

Detail Requirements

Donna P. Adcock
Aug 06, 2014 10:26 am

Viewing: Degree Evaluation (DEGEVAL, , Email)
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Information for Degree Evaluation

This is NOT an official evaluation.

Program Evaluation

Limitation Correspondence: No more than 12 hours of correspondence earned through an accredited institution may be used for an undergraduate degree.

Limitation Combination: Maximum combination of 18 hours of 481, 482, 485 and/or 491 courses may be used for an undergraduate degree.

3+2 Program

Program : BS AGEC - Policy & Econ Analysis
Campus : College Station
College : Agriculture & Life Sciences
Degree : Bachelor of Science
Level : Undergraduate
Majors : Agricultural Economics
Departments : Agricultural Economics

Catalog Term : Fall 2014 - College Station
Evaluation Term : Summer 2014 - College Station
Expected Graduation Date :
Request Number : 3
Results as of : Aug 06, 2014
Minors :
Concentrations :

	Met Credits		Courses	
	Required	Used	Required	Used
Total Required :	No	120.000	0.000	0
Program GPA :	Yes	.00	.00	
Overall GPA :	No	2.00	.00	
Other Course Information				
Transfer :			0.000	0

This is NOT an official evaluation.

Area : Major Coursework (43.000 credits) - Not Met

Met	Condition	Rule	Subject	Attribute	Low	High	Required Credits	Required Courses	Term	Subject	Course Title	Attribute	Credits
No		A.	AGEC 105										
No	AND	B.	AGEC 217										
No	AND	C.	AGEC 314										
No	AND	D.	AGEC 317										
No	AND	E.	AGEC 330										
No	AND	F.	AGEC 340										
No	AND	G.	AGEC 350										
No	AND	H.	AGEC 429										
No	AND	I.	AGEC 447 or 448 452 or 453										
No	AND	J.	AGEC 481										
No	AND	K.	AGEC 344										
No	AND	L.	Directed AGEC Elect 9 hrs 6 hrs										
			To be selected in consultation with advisor.										
No	AND	M.	Economics Elective 3hrs										
			Select from AGEC 430 or ECON 311.										

N. AGEC Elect 3hrs

~~select~~ select from AGEC 604, 606, 607, 610, 614, 633 or 652.

Total Credits and GPA 0.000

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Area : Supporting Coursework (¹⁵15.000 credits) - Not Met

Met Condition Rule Subject Attribute Low High Required Required Term Subject Course Title Attribute Credits
Credits Courses

No		A.	AGLS 101 1hr
No	AND	B.	Technical Ag Elect 3hrs
			Select from AGCJ 105, 305-306, 404, 406-407; AGLS 101, 201, 225; AGMS 120, 201, 301, 335, 355, 360, 403, 461, 475; ALED 289, 340, 342, 440-441, 489; ANSC 107-108, 201, 207, 210, 289, 305, 307, 310-312, 314-317, 335, 337, 402, 411, 421, 433-434, 487-439, 457, 489; BESC 201, 204, 314, 320, 357, 367; DASC 202, 204, 330-331; ENTO 201, 208, 210, 289, 300, 306, 315, 320, 322, 330, 401-403, 405, 423, 431-432, 450-451, 481, 489; FIVS 205; FRSC 101-102, 302, 304-307, 311, 314, 409, 420-421, 430, 461; FSTC 201, 210, 289, 307, 311, 330-331, 446, 489; HORT 101, 201-203, 223, 291, 301-302, 306, 308-309, 311, 315, 319, 325-326, 332, 335, 418-423, 425, 427-429, 431-432, 435, 440, 442, 445-446, 451-454, 489, 491; NUTR 202, 210, 289; POSC 201, 289, 291, 302, 304, 309, 313, 319, 326, 333, 381, 402, 425, 427, 489; RLEM 102-103, 301-302, 305, 314, 317, 324, 401, 415-416, 489; RENR 201, 205, 215, 375, 400, 405, 410, 420, 444, 460, 470, 489; RPTS 101, 201-202, 209, 301, 307-308, 311, 316, 320, 331, 340, 360, 370, 372, 374, 401, 403, 408, 420, 423, 426, 446, 476, 489; SCSC 105, 201, 301-302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 314, 330, 421-422, 425, 428, 430; VIBS 404, 409, 413; VLCS 409; VTPB 221, 301, 303; VTPP 323, 401; WFSC 101, 301, 303-304, 327, 403, 420-421, 423, 425, 427-428, 451-451.
No	AND	C.	ECON 202
No	AND	D.	ECON 203
No	AND	E.	ACCT 209
No	AND	F.	ACCT 210
No	AND	G.	ECON 323

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Total Credits and GPA 0.000

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Area : Directed Non-AGEC Electives (6.000 credits) - Not Met

Met Condition Rule Subject Attribute Low High Required Required Term Subject Course Title Attribute Credits
Credits Courses

No		A.	Directed Non-AGEC Elect 6hrs
			Select from AGCJ 206, 404, 406; AGSM 335, 337, 355, 400, 461-462, 475, 489; ALED 289, 340, 343, 489; COMM 210, 215, 250, 289, 307, 320, 325, 335, 340, 365, 370, 440, 443, 449, 450, 456; ECON 311-312, 320, 324, 330, 340, 412, 418, 420, 425-426, 435-436, 445, 452; EHRD 303, 408; ENTO 315, 322, 431-432; FINE 409; FIVS 205; FRSC 406, 461-462; GEOG 311, 320, 324, 330, 360, 370, 401, 404, 420, 430, 434, 442; HIST 319-3250, 336, 338, 348, 352, 355-356, 359-360, 412, 421, 441, 447, 449, 456-457, 463, 465, 477; MGMT 209, 211, 309; MKTG 409; PHIL 314, 334, 483; POLS 306-307, 310-311, 313-317, 322-324, 326-329, 340-342, 347, 351-353, 355-357, 364-365, 367, 375, 400, 415, 432, 435, 440-442, 447, 454, 456, 461-462, 475, 489; RENR 375, 405, 410, 420, 444, 470; RPTS 308; SCSC 301, 314, 330, 455; SOCI 304, 325, 328-329, 335, 407, 412-413, 445; SPSC 444, 461-462; WFSC 303.

ECMT 461; ECON 433; ESSM 406;
FSTC 444; GEOG 330, or 430.
GEOS 430; MKTG 409; POLS
340, 364, 412, 415, 439, 440, 447
or 475; URPN 360; WGST 430.

Total Credits and GPA 0.000

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Area : Communication (6.000 credits) - Not Met

Met Condition Rule Subject Attribute Low High Required Required Term Subject Course Title Attribute Credits

		Credits	Courses
No	A.	ENGL 103 or ENGL 104	
No	AND	B.	Communication Rqmt 3hrs
Select any course with the Communication attribute [KCOM].			

Total Credits and GPA 0.000

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Area : Mathematics (9.000 credits) - Not Met

Met	Condition	Rule	Subject	Attribute	Low	High	Required	Required	Term	Subject	Course	Title	Attribute	Credits	
						Credits	Courses								

No		A.	STAT 303											
No	AND	B.	MATH 141											
No	AND	C.	MATH 142											

Total Credits and GPA 0.000

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Area : Life and Physical Sciences (9.000 credits) - Not Met

Met	Condition	Rule	Subject	Attribute	Low	High	Required	Required	Term	Subject	Course	Title	Attribute	Credits	
						Credits	Courses								

No		A.	Life/Physical Sciences 9hrs											
Select 9 hours from any courses with the Life and Physical Sciences attribute [KLPS].														

Total Credits and GPA 0.000

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Area : Language, Philosophy & Culture (3.000 credits) - Not Met

Met	Condition	Rule	Subject	Attribute	Low	High	Required	Required	Term	Subject	Course	Title	Attribute	Credits	
						Credits	Courses								

No		A.	Lang, Phil, Culture Rqmt 3hrs											
Select any course with the Language, Philosophy and Culture attribute [KLPC].														

Total Credits and GPA 0.000

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Area : Creative Arts (3.000 credits) - Not Met

Met	Condition	Rule	Subject	Attribute	Low	High	Required	Required	Term	Subject	Course	Title	Attribute	Credits	
						Credits	Courses								

No		A.	Creative Arts Requirement											
Select three hours from any course with the Creative Arts attribute [KCRA].														

Total Credits and GPA 0.000

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Area : **Citizenship (12.000 credits) - Not Met**

Description : Completion of 4 semesters of Upper-Level ROTC may be substituted for 3 hours of American History and 3 hours of Political Science.

Met **Condition Rule Subject Attribute Low High Required Required Term Subject Course Title Attribute C Credits Courses**

No A. American History Rqmt 6hrs
Select from any course with the [KHIS] attribute.

No AND B. Political Science Rqmt 6hrs
Take POLS 206 and POLS 207.

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Area : **General Electives ⁴12.000 credits) - Not Met**

Met **Condition Rule Subject Attribute Low High Required Required Term Subject Course Title Attribute Credits Credits Courses**

No A. General Electives ⁴hrs
Select from any course not used elsewhere (Except KINE 100-199)

PSAA 601, ~~621~~ 621, 622, 635; BUSH 631.

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Area : **Work Not Applied - Met**

Description : See advisor for acceptable substitutions.

Met **Condition Rule Subject Attribute Low High Required Required Term Subject Course Title Attribute C Credits Courses**

No A. Courses not applied

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Area : **University Writing Requirement - Not Met**

Met **Condition Rule Subject Attribute Low High Required Required Term Subject Course Title Attribute Credits Credits Courses**

No A. Writing Requirement
Two courses required.
Only sections of AGECE 217, 429 with the Writing attribute [UWRT] may be used to satisfy this requirement.

Total Credits and GPA 0.000

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Area : **Int'l & Cult Diversity - Not Met**

Met **Condition Rule Subject Attribute Low High Required Required Term Subject Course Title Attribute Credits Credits Courses**

No A. Int'l & Cultural Diversity 6hr
Select from courses with the International and Cultural Diversity attribute [UICD] (except sections of BUSN 289 with

the UWRT attribute).

Total Credits and GPA 0.000

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Area : Foreign Language - Not Met

Met	Condition	Rule	Subject	Attribute	Low	High	Required	Required	Term	Subject	Course	Title	Attribute	Credits
							Credits	Courses						

No	A.		Foreign Language Rqmt											
Complete one of the following:														
1. Two years of the same foreign language in High School.														
2. A two semester sequence of the same foreign language for University credit.														

Total Credits and GPA 0.000

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Area : Residence Requirement - Not Met

Description : A minimum of 36 hours of 300-400 level coursework must be completed at Texas A&M University. 12 hours must be in the major field

Met	Condition	Rule	Subject	Attribute	Low	High	Required	Required	Term	Subject	Course	Title	Attribute	C
							Credits	Courses						

No	A.		Residence - Major 12hrs											
Select from AGECE 300-499.														
No	AND	B.	Residence 300-499 24hrs											
Select from any 300-400 level course at Texas A&M.														

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Area : GPR-Major - Not Met

Description : A minimum GPR of 2.000 is required in all major field of studies courses.

Met	Condition	Rule	Subject	Attribute	Low	High	Required	Required	Term	Subject	Course	Title	Attribute	C
							Credits	Courses						

No	A.		Major GPR 28+hrs											
Includes AGECE 100-499 (except AGECE 400); ECON 311, 410; PHIL 316.														

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