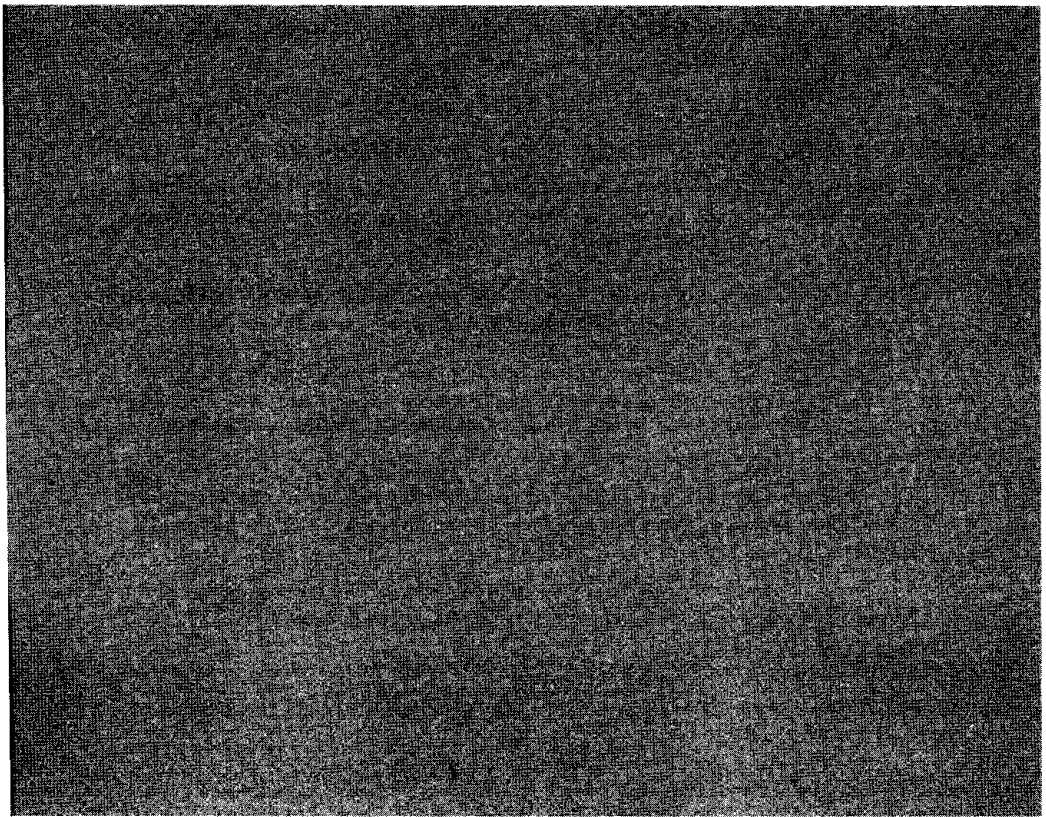


VI. Bachelor's Degree Regulations



Bachelor's Degree Requirements

In order to receive a bachelor's degree from UT San Antonio, a student must comply with the following requirements:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 semester hours of credit, of which at least 39 must be in upper-division work.
2. Complete the university-wide general education requirements. (See immediately below.)
3. Complete the requirements for a major. (See Section VII of catalog.)
4. Meet the residence requirements. (See below.)
5. Achieve an overall 2.0 grade-point average in all work attempted at UT San Antonio and a 2.0 grade-point average in all work included in the major.

University-Wide General Education Requirements*

All candidates for a bachelor's degree at The University of Texas at San Antonio must satisfy the following university-wide general education requirements. The specific degree requirements for majors as established by the individual Colleges and Divisions are set out under the degree plans described in Section VII of this catalog.

1. Complete a minimum of 35 semester hours as follows:
 - A. Nine semester hours in English and humanities (ENG 1013 and ENG 1023 are required of all students, with the three remaining hours to be selected from ENG 1033, 1043, or 1053).
 - B. Six semester hours in American history or three hours each in Texas and American history.**
 - C. Six semester hours in U.S. and Texas government.**
 - D. Nine semester hours in a single foreign language.

*Because in 1975-76 UT San Antonio will offer only upper-division undergraduate programs, the general education requirements will be modified as necessary.

**A maximum of three semester hours in history and three semester hours in government or political science can be earned by examination.

- E. Four semester hours in mathematics (three hours of which must be above MAT 1011).
 - F. One semester hour of library study. (Optional for students entering with 60 hours or more.)
2. Complete an additional 15 semester hours of required electives as follows:
- A. Students majoring in the humanities, including English and foreign languages, or the fine arts, must select at least six hours from Group B, six hours from Group C, and three additional hours from either Group B or C below.
 - B. Students majoring in social sciences or business must select at least six hours from Group A (three of which should be in fine arts or music), six hours from Group B, and three additional hours from either Group A or B below.
 - C. Students majoring in the sciences, mathematics, or allied health professions must select at least six hours from Group A (three of which should be in fine arts or music), six hours from Group C, and three additional hours from Group A or C below.
 - D. Students majoring in education or physical education must select at least six hours from each of two groups (A, B, or C, excluding education) and an additional three hours from any of Groups A, B, or C (excluding education) below. Three hours should be in art or music.

<i>Group A</i>	<i>Group B</i>	<i>Group C</i>
English	Biological Sciences	Social Sciences
Foreign Languages and Linguistics	Physical and Earth Sciences	(including History)
Classics	Mathematics and Systems Design	Business Education*
Philosophy		
Art		
Music		

*Physical activities courses do not apply, nor may education electives be taken by teacher certification students.

Minimum Residence Requirements

The following minimum residence requirements are established for all institutions in The University of Texas System.

1. A minimum of 30 semester hours of credit must be completed in residence before a degree can be conferred.
2. Twenty-four of the last thirty semester hours must be completed in residence, with the exception that among the UT System components, a student may, with the approval of the appropriate Dean, transfer additional course work to his program at his degree-granting institution.
3. Of the 39 upper-division hours required in all degree programs, 18 of these must be taken at UT San Antonio.
4. At least six hours of upper-division course work in the major must be completed in residence. Additional hours in the major sequence may be required by individual schools or colleges.
5. The term, "in residence," is defined as in residence at the UT System component which ultimately grants the degree. Residence credit does not include courses taken by extension or correspondence. Credit earned by examination other than by challenging UT San Antonio courses, may not apply to residence requirements.

Transfer of Credit

Undergraduate transfer of credit policies of The University of Texas at San Antonio are designed to reduce the difficulties often experienced by students seeking to transfer credit from one institution to another. To prevent unnecessary loss of time and credit, prospective transfer students are encouraged to inform themselves as early as possible of UT San Antonio's admission policies (see Section IV) and degree requirements in their area of interest (see Section VII). Students attending community colleges should be guided as well by the Core Curricula

designed and adopted by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System to simplify the transfer of credit, copies of which are available through most community college counselors.

The Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System has approved core curricula in the following areas: Arts and Sciences (including Mathematics and Natural Sciences), Business Administration, Engineering, Art, and Criminal Justice. Although the courses taken in these core curricula at various institutions may not be precisely equivalent to courses in the UT San Antonio Undergraduate Catalog, students who have successfully completed these core curricula at other institutions will be given full credit toward the appropriate degree at UT San Antonio.

Undergraduate students who complete college credits at other institutions will have those credits evaluated for transfer to UT San Antonio by the Director of Admissions and Registrar on the basis of UT San Antonio equivalency tables and according to the following guidelines:

1. All work transferred must be from a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting association (credits completed at foreign institutions will be evaluated on an individual basis).
2. Any academic course from an accredited college or university in which a passing grade has been earned will be accepted for transfer credit if it meets all other criteria of this section. Only those hours which apply toward a specific baccalaureate degree program will count toward graduation.
3. The applicability of particular courses completed at other institutions toward specific course requirements for a baccalaureate degree at UT San Antonio depends upon equivalency of such courses to courses offered by UT San Antonio. Other academic courses will be transferred as electives; credit for these courses, which will be recorded on the student's transcript, will count to-

ward graduation only if they satisfy requirements of the student's degree program. Credit will not be given for duplication or repetition of courses.

4. When a course has been repeated for credit, the highest grade earned will be used in the acceptance of credit.
5. Credits for courses such as remedial courses, vocational-technical courses,* orientation, life experience, high school level courses, or mathematics below the college algebra level are not accepted for transfer credit. No transfer credit is granted for the General Education Development Tests.
6. Credit by examination awarded at another institution will be accepted for transfer in accordance with UT San Antonio policies on credit by examination for UT San Antonio students.
7. Credit earned through accredited colleges and universities for college level academic courses by extension or correspondence (including USAFI courses) will be evaluated and accepted for transfer if equivalent to UT San Antonio courses and if applicable to the student's degree program. However, the maximum credit accepted through a combination of extension and correspondence courses is 30 hours (18-hour maximum by correspondence, including USAFI). No more than 6 hours of correspondence credit may be applied to the major.
8. Credits earned at another UT System institution may be accepted at full value within the provisions of this section and the residence requirements adjusted accordingly.
9. Transfer credit for junior college work may not exceed 66 semester hours. Students who have completed more acceptable semester hours than are allowed for transfer may, with the approval of the student's Advisor and Dean, apply completed, transferable courses to specific

*Where vocational-technical courses support an individual's degree program, free-elective credit may be given upon the approval of the Dean of the College in which the student is enrolled. Consideration of free-elective credit will be made only upon the written request of the student.

course requirements and thereby not have to repeat the course. The semester hours for those additional courses may not be applied toward the hour requirements for a baccalaureate degree.

No upper-division credit may be earned at a junior college. All course requirements at UT San Antonio which are designated as upper division may be transferred to UT San Antonio only from senior-level institutions.

For credit to be transferred as an upper-division course, the institution where credit was earned must be an accredited senior-level institution and the course must be described in the institution's catalog as being of upper-division level.

10. Transfer credit for military service training school courses will not be granted by UT San Antonio. A student having taken such courses may challenge by examination those UT San Antonio courses which appear equivalent to those already completed. (See the paragraph on Challenging of Courses by Examination in the Credit by Examination section of this catalog.) Credit for ROTC or military science, when awarded by another accredited college or university, will be accepted by UT San Antonio as elective credit within the limitations of the student's degree program.
11. Credits earned in partially accredited colleges and universities will be considered for transfer to UT San Antonio on an individual basis and as to applicability to the student's degree program.

An official evaluation of transfer credit will be supplied to each new student as soon as possible following admission. This evaluation will show the equivalency of courses completed elsewhere to courses at UT San Antonio and their applicability to the student's proposed baccalaureate degree at UT San Antonio.

Students who do not receive transfer credit for specific courses should review the policies for credit by examination.

Credit by Examination

A student at The University of Texas at San Antonio may normally satisfy general education and specific degree requirements through credit by examination.* Except for one type of examination, credit earned by this means is not counted as satisfying minimum residence requirements. The exception noted pertains to credits earned by challenging UT San Antonio courses; these credits are counted toward the minimum residence requirements and the letter grades earned are included in the calculation of the student's grade-point average at UT San Antonio.

Unsuccessful attempts to earn credit by examination will not become part of the student's official academic record.

A brochure on Credit by Examination at UT San Antonio is available from the Office of the Dean of Students on the various tests which are accepted for credit at The University. The booklet describes the tests available, when and where they are given, their costs, procedures for having test scores submitted for consideration for credit, the amount of credit that may be earned, and how to obtain additional information on each test.

Placement Examinations (Required)

To enroll in certain courses that are required as part of UT San Antonio's General Education Requirements, all students, except those with acceptable college-level transfer credits in these courses, who have prior knowledge of the subject matter must take placement examinations in those subjects to determine level of proficiency. For courses in which the student demonstrates the required proficiency, semester hours will be awarded toward graduation. These hours will not count, however, as part of the minimum residence requirements.

Placement examinations are required in English, Foreign Languages, and Mathematics.

*Credit cannot be earned by examination 1) for courses which are used to fulfill the statutory history and government General Education Requirements in excess of 3 semester hours in history and 3 semester hours in government or political science or 2) for courses in a degree program for which no appropriate examination exists or which consist of materials that cannot be tested by means of examination.

- a. *Placement in English.* The College Board Achievement Test in English Composition is required.
- b. *Placement in Foreign Language.* The College Board Listening-Reading Achievement Test in the appropriate foreign language is required.
- c. *Placement in Mathematics.* The College Board Achievement Test in Mathematics, Level I is required.

For additional details concerning these placement examinations, students should consult the brochure Credit by Examination at UT San Antonio available in the Office of the Dean of Students.

UT San Antonio Examinations for Challenging Courses (Optional)

Students enrolled in The University of Texas at San Antonio may request an examination in any UT San Antonio undergraduate course. Not all courses, however, consist of materials that can be tested by means of examination, and the option of whether or not to grant the request rests with the instructor of the course.

To challenge a course by examination, the student must enroll in the course and within the first three weeks must request to complete it by examination(s). A charge of \$15.00 will be made for such examination(s). If the student receives a grade of "A," "B," or "C," it will be submitted at the end of the term by the instructor on the grade report for the course with a credit-by-examination notation.

Provisionally admitted students may request to challenge by examination courses in those disciplines to which their enrollment is restricted. Those who earn grades of "A," "B," or "C" will have the appropriate number of credit hours and the grade entered on their record.

Grades earned on the basis of challenge by examination will be included as part of the student's UT San Antonio grade-point average.

Multiple Majors

A student completing a baccalaureate degree at The University of Texas at San Antonio is not restricted in the number of majors he or she may complete for the degree. However, if a student wishes to pursue more than one major, all requirements for a single degree major plus the additional requirements for the other major(s) must be completed. It is unlikely that a student fulfilling more than one major can complete all requirements within the same number of semester credit hours required for a single major.

Additional Baccalaureate Degrees

A student holding a baccalaureate degree from The University of Texas at San Antonio or from another accredited institution may receive an additional bachelor's degree from UT San Antonio. Such a student will continue to be classified as an undergraduate and must:

1. Complete a minimum of 30 semester hours of residence credit at UT San Antonio (of which at least 12 must be at the upper-division level in the major field) for each baccalaureate degree sought beyond the first.
2. Complete all requirements for the additional major(s), as set forth in the Catalog.
3. Complete all requirements for the additional degree(s), including support courses, elective courses, and upper-division courses, as set forth in the Catalog.

Earning Graduate Credit While an Undergraduate

An undergraduate student may, during his final term of enrollment as an undergraduate student, earn graduate credit under the following conditions:

1. All hours required for the degree must be completed in the term in which he is taking the additional courses for graduate credit.
2. Permission, on an approved form available at the Registrar's Office, must be obtained from the student's

Advisor and the Dean of the College in which the courses to be awarded graduate credit are offered. The approved form must be filed with the Registrar's Office by the end of the add/drop period of the term in which the registration is being made.

3. In order to earn graduate credit, the student must graduate at the end of that term; otherwise, the courses will be regarded as undergraduate credit. If graduate credit is earned, the units are not considered a part of the baccalaureate degree program.

Catalog of Graduation

Candidates for a baccalaureate degree may graduate upon the completion of the requirements as stated in the catalog in effect at the time of initial registration at UT San Antonio or in any subsequent catalog, except that no degree will be granted on the basis of the requirements listed in a catalog issued more than seven years prior to the date of graduation. In the event certain required courses have been discontinued, substitutions may be authorized or required by the student's academic Dean.

Application for the Degree

All degree candidates must officially apply for the degree at the Registrar's Office no later than the end of the add/drop period of the term (Fall, Spring, or Second Summer Session) in which they intend to graduate. Undergraduate students should apply for the degree during the term in which their current enrollment will yield 90 semester hours of earned credit.

If a student does not graduate at the close of the term for which he has applied, he must again apply for the degree and pay the required fee.

Graduation with Honors

Undergraduate students who complete degree requirements for a baccalaureate degree and who have earned an overall grade-point average of 3.50 in all academic college work attempted and

have earned a grade-point average of 3.50 in all units attempted at The University of Texas at San Antonio will be eligible for graduation Magna Cum Laude. Those who have earned a grade-point average of 3.75 on an overall basis and at UT San Antonio will be eligible for graduation Summa Cum Laude.

Candidates who have completed some portion of the requirements for the baccalaureate degree at other collegiate institutions may be graduated with honors when they meet the requirements listed above in addition to completing a minimum of 45 semester hours of credit at The University of Texas at San Antonio.

No degree candidate shall be eligible for graduation with honors if, at the time of graduation, he has disciplinary action on his official records in the Registrar's Office.

Graduation Dates

Degrees are conferred at the end of each semester and at the end of the second summer session. Formal public ceremonies are held only at the conclusion of the spring semester. Students who wish to participate in commencement ceremonies at the close of the spring semester and who have graduated during the previous summer or fall terms may do so. Information on the procedures to be followed is available in the Registrar's Office.