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The Department of Humanities combines several related academic disciplines into one administrative unit. The Department offers Bachelor of Arts degrees in the following academic areas: English, History, Social Science, and Spanish. The Department also works with the Department of Education to offer course work leading to teacher certification. In addition, course work is offered in Geography and Political Science. All degree programs require a minimum of 30 semester credit hours in residence and a minimum of 39 advanced semester credit hours.

Students majoring in programs offered by the Department of Humanities must also participate in an assessment study. Students should consult their advisor about specific requirements for their major.

ENGLISH

MAJOR

The Bachelor of Arts degree in English prepares students for a world demanding effective communication and critical thinking skills. The English major is an ideal pre-professional major for careers in law, medicine, journalism, or business. Employers at all levels hire English majors for their communication skills and problem-solving creativity. English majors also may pursue teaching careers in language arts at the elementary, middle, or high school level, or they may continue with graduate studies for college teaching. Students seeking teacher certification in this major should refer to the Education Department section of this catalog for program admission requirements, required courses, and course descriptions.

DEGREE PLAN FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

Required Core Curriculum (see page 42) 42 s.c.h.

Departmental requirements for major (courses may have been used to complete core requirements)

English 1301 Composition I 3 s.c.h.

English 1302 Composition II 3 s.c.h.

Foreign Language (SPAN 1411-Beginning Spanish I, SPAN 1412-Beginning Spanish II) or other foreign language 6-8 s.c.h.

Multicultural Course (HST 3302, 3308, 3313, SPN 3320) 3 s.c.h.

Major requirements:

ENGL 3303 Structure and History of the English Language 3 s.c.h.

ENGL 3309 English Literature from Beowulf to 1800—Writing Intensive 3 s.c.h.

ENGL 3310 English Literature from 1800 to Present—Writing Intensive 3 s.c.h.

ENGL 3312 Advanced Composition—Writing Intensive 3 s.c.h.

ENGL 3317	World Literature	3 s.c.h.
ENGL 4306	American Literature to 1865—Writing Intensive	3 s.c.h.
ENGL 4308	American Literature 1865-1940—Writing Intensive	3 s.c.h.

Additional English courses 9 s.c.h.

Total 30 s.c.h.

A maximum of 9 semester credit hours in English may be transferred from another institution for the major in English.

Minor 18 s.c.h.

Electives

Choose enough electives to total 120 s.c.h.

Requirements for SRSU Rio Grande College degree:

- 1) A minimum of 120 semester credit hours;
- 2) A minimum of 39 semester credit hours of advanced course work;
- 3) A minimum of 30 semester credit hours with SRSU-RGC; and
- 4) Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better; cumulative GPA in major and minor, 2.0 or better.

MINOR 18 s.c.h.

For a minor in English, students complete at least eighteen semester credit hours, including a minimum of nine semester credit hours of advanced coursework at SRSU-RGC.

MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

The Master of Arts in English offered by Sul Ross Rio Grande College is through a cooperative arrangement with the Sul Ross State University main campus in Alpine. For details about the program, consult the online university catalog. Academic admission requirements are the same as other graduate programs. Applicants need to consult with a graduate advisor for admission details, course selection, and other degree requirements.

HISTORY

MAJOR

The Bachelor of Arts degree with a History major can be used as the basis for teaching certification in history, as a means for entering graduate studies in the field of history, or as a pre-professional degree to enter studies in law, medicine and other professions. Many businesses also are increasingly realizing the value of a liberal arts degree.

DEGREE PLAN FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY (120 S.C.H.)

Required Core Curriculum (see page 42) 42 s.c.h.

Departmental requirements for major (courses may have been used to complete core requirements).

Foreign Language (SPAN 1411-Beginning Spanish I, SPAN 1412-Beginning Spanish II) or other foreign language 6-8 s.c.h.

Multicultural Course (HST 3302, 3308, 3313, SPN 3320) 3 s.c.h.

Major requirements:

HST 3304	Europe: 1655-1870	3 s.c.h.
HST 3305	Europe: 1870 to the Present	3 s.c.h.
HST 3308	History of Mexico	3 s.c.h.
HST 3309	History of Texas	3 s.c.h.
HST 3313	The Mexican American in United States History	3 s.c.h.
HST 4315	Nineteenth Century US History	3 s.c.h.
HST 4320	Twentieth Century America	3 s.c.h.
Additional advanced History courses		9 s.c.h.
Total		30 s.c.h.

A maximum of 9 semester credit hours in history may be transferred from another institution for the major in history.

Minor 18 s.c.h.

Electives

Choose enough electives to total 120 s.c.h.

Requirements for SRSU Rio Grande College degree:

- 1) A minimum of 120 semester credit hours;
- 2) A minimum of 39 semester credit hours of advanced course work;
- 3) A minimum of 30 semester credit hours with SRSU-RGC; and
- 4) Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better; cumulative GPA in major and minor, 2.0 or better.

MINOR

For a minor in History, students must complete at least 18 semester credit hours, including a minimum of nine semester credit hours of advanced coursework at SRSU-RGC. A maximum of nine semester credit hours of transfer courses may be used.

Recommended Courses:

HST 3304	Europe: 1655-1870	3 s.c.h.
HST 3305	Europe: 1870 to the Present	3 s.c.h.
HST 4315	Nineteenth Century US History	3 s.c.h.
HST 4320	Twentieth Century America	3 s.c.h.
Additional advanced History courses		9 s.c.h.

MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY

The Master of Arts in History offered by Sul Ross Rio Grande College is through a cooperative arrangement with the Sul Ross State University main campus in Alpine. For details about the program, consult the online university catalog. Academic admission requirements are the same as other graduate programs. Applicants need to consult with a graduate advisor for admission details, course selection, and other degree requirements.

MASTER OF ARTS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The Master of Arts in Public Administration offered by Sul Ross Rio Grande College is through a cooperative arrangement with the Sul Ross State University main campus in Alpine. For details about the program, consult the online university catalog. Academic admission requirements are the same as other graduate programs. Applicants need to consult with a graduate advisor for admission details, course selection, and other degree requirements.

SOCIAL SCIENCE

MAJOR

Students who desire a broad field major in the social sciences should follow one of the plans for a major in social science listed below. Inquiries should be directed to the Chair of the Department of Liberal Arts.

DEGREE PLAN FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL SCIENCE (120 S.C.H.)

Required Core Curriculum (see page 42) 42 s.c.h.

Departmental requirements for major (courses may have been used to complete core requirements).

History 1301 United States History I
3 s.c.h.

History 1302 United States History II
3 s.c.h.

Foreign Language (SPAN 1411-Beginning Spanish I, SPAN 1412-Beginning Spanish II) or other foreign language 6-8 s.c.h.

Multicultural Course (HST 3302, 3308, 3313, SPN 3320) 3 s.c.h.

Major requirements:

HST 3304 Europe: 1655-1870 3 s.c.h.

HST 3305 Europe: 1870 to the Present 3 s.c.h.

HST 3308 History of Mexico 3 s.c.h.

HST 3309 History of Texas 3 s.c.h.

HST 4315 Nineteenth Century US History 3 s.c.h.

HST 4320 Twentieth Century America 3 s.c.h.

Additional advanced History courses 3 s.c.h.

Political Science (advanced) 12 s.c.h.

ECO 2301 Principles of Macroeconomics 3 s.c.h.

ECO 2302 Principles of Microeconomics 3 s.c.h.

Economics (advanced) 3 s.c.h.

Geography 6 s.c.h.

Total for major 30 s.c.h.

A maximum of 9 semester credit hours may be transferred from another institution for the major in social science.

Minor 18 s.c.h.

Electives

Choose enough electives to total 120 s.c.h.

Requirements for SRSU Rio Grande College degree:

- 1) A minimum of 120 semester credit hours;
- 2) A minimum of 39 semester credit hours of advanced course work;
- 3) A minimum of 30 semester credit hours with SRSU-RGC; and
- 4) Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better; cumulative GPA in major and minor, 2.0 or better.

MINOR

Social Science cannot be used as a minor.

SPANISH**MAJOR**

A major or minor in Spanish can prepare a student for a career as a teacher, law enforcement officer, translator, interpreter, social worker, public relations officer, sales representative, or manager with a large number of businesses which are seeking bilingual employees.

The demand for college graduates with bilingual skills is steadily increasing. In addition, a strong background in Spanish can complement any field of study. The completion of the Spanish major will also prepare a student for graduate studies in Spanish or Linguistics.

**PLAN FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE
IN SPANISH
(120 S.C.H.)**

Required Core Curriculum (see page 42) 42 s.c.h.

Departmental requirements for major (courses may have been used to complete core requirements).

Foreign Language (SPAN 1411-Beginning Spanish I, SPAN 1412-Beginning Spanish II) or other foreign language 6-8 s.c.h.

Multicultural Course (HST 3302, 3308, 3313, SPN 3320) 3 s.c.h.

Major requirements:

SPN 3301 Advanced Spanish Grammar 3 s.c.h.

SPN 3302 Advanced Spanish Composition 3 s.c.h.

SPN 3310 Readings in Spanish Literature I 3 s.c.h.

or

SPN 3311 Readings in Spanish Literature II 3 s.c.h.

SPN 3314 Culture and Civilization of Spain 3 s.c.h.

or

SPN 3316 Culture and Civilization of Spanish America 3 s.c.h.

SPN 4310 Readings in Spanish American Literature I 3 s.c.h.

or

SPN 4311 Readings in Spanish American Literature II 3 s.c.h.

Additional advanced Spanish courses 15 s.c.h.

Total 30 s.c.h.

A maximum of 9 semester credit hours in Spanish may be transferred from another institution for the major in Spanish.

Minor 18 s.c.h.

Electives

Choose enough electives to total 120 s.c.h.

Requirements for SRSU Rio Grande College degree:

- 1) A minimum of 120 semester credit hours;
- 2) A minimum of 39 semester credit hours of advanced course work;
- 3) A minimum of 30 semester credit hours with SRSU-RGC; and
- 4) Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better; cumulative GPA in major and minor, 2.0 or better.

MINOR

For a minor in Spanish, students must complete at least 18 semester credit hours, including a minimum of nine semester credit hours of advanced coursework at SRSU-RGC. A maximum of nine semester credit hours of transfer courses may be used.

SUPPORT DISCIPLINES

GEOGRAPHY (GGR)

Supports Interdisciplinary Studies and Social Science Majors.

POLITICAL SCIENCE (POLS)

Supports Interdisciplinary Studies and Social Science majors.

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

The Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree is offered under the administrative oversight of the Department of Humanities. Questions, interpretations, and exceptions to policy should be presented to the Chair of the department, Dr. Sarah Roche.

Students select one of two specializations; Child Development or Organizational Leadership. Students must meet the required core curriculum, choose one emphasis, and accumulated sufficient electives and upper level hours to complete the degree. Students may, through a portfolio process, obtain college level credit for prior learning (see the Requirements for the BAS in the Undergraduate Degree Requirements section of this catalog, pg. 48).

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE WITH EMPHASIS IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Description:

This degree is intended to accommodate those who are seeking a baccalaureate degree for the purpose of obtaining positions in fields that require degrees in child development, but do not necessitate teacher certification. **This is a non-certification degree in that successful completion of this program does not enable the graduate to apply for certification through the Texas Education Agency (TEA).**

The Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) with an emphasis in Child Development includes the core curriculum and lower-level basics obtained in an Associate's Degree from Southwest Texas Junior College. Additional courses from SWTJC and Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College are required to complete the degree.

Goals of the Program:

Prepare graduates for child development positions.
 Meet requirements for Head Start certifications in infants through 4 year olds.
 Provide a pathway (with additional coursework) for EC-6 teacher certification.

NOTE: If upon completion of this degree the graduate wishes to fulfill the requirements set by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to teach in public schools, he/she must apply for a post baccalaureate deficiency plan. This document will list additional coursework required for certification. In addition, students wishing to qualify for the teacher certification through SRSU-RGC must obtain admission to the Teacher Education Program. Entry requirements are available in the University catalog and upon request.

Required Core Curriculum (see page 42) 42 s.c.h.

Department requirements for major:

The following courses or their equivalent from Southwest Texas Junior College are departmental requirements 21 s.c.h.

TECA/CDEC	1303	Family, School, & Community
CDEC	1313	Curriculum Resources for Early Childhood Programs
TECA/CDEC	1318	Wellness of the Young Child
CDEC	1319	Child Guidance
CDEC	1321	The Infant and Toddler
CDEC	1359	Children with Special Needs
CDEC	2326	Administration of Programs for Children

Required RGC courses 48 s.c.h.

ENGL	3311	Children's Literature
ENGL	3312	Advanced Composition
MATH	3308	Survey of Basic Math I
MATH	3309	Survey of Basic Math II
HIST	3309	History of Texas
BIOL	3300	Survey of Basic Science
EDUC	3304	Educational Child Growth & Development
EDUC	3308	Education, language Acquisition & Emergent literacy
EDUC	3309	Early Childhood in Education
EDUC	3328	Foundations of Bilingual Education
EDUC	4320	Diverse Populations
PSCH	3301	Social Psychology
PSCH	3303	Positive Psychology
PSCH	3304	Psychology of Learning
PSCH	3309	Educational Psychology
PSCH	4301	Psychology of Personality

Electives (if needed) up to 9 s.c.h.

Total hours for degree 120 s.c.h.

Additional requirements:

Requirements for SRSU Rio Grande College degree;

1. A minimum of 120 semester credit hours;
2. A minimum of 39 semester credit hours of advanced course work;
3. A minimum of 30 semester credit hours with SRSU-RGC; and
4. Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better.

Minor

The BAS with a Child Development emphasis is a composite degree, no minor is required.

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE WITH EMPHASIS IN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Description

This degree offers individuals holding degrees in technical fields or extensive work experience to complete a bachelor's degree. The program can be completed in as little as 20 months depending on previous work and credits accumulated.

Goals of program

1. Provide a bachelor level degree for working adults holding technical degrees.
2. Provide a bachelor level degree for working adults with significant prior learning experience gained from years of experience in the work environment.
3. Develop leadership knowledge and skills for effective leadership in organizations - non-profit, profit, civic or religious.
4. Develop basic knowledge and skills for organizational project development, budget setting, and employee relations.

Required Core Curriculum (see page 42) 42 s.c.h.

Department requirements for major:

Completed Associate of Applied Science degree

OR completed and evaluated portfolio for Prior Learning. See admission section of catalog for information on Prior Learning credit from CAEL.

Requirements for the Organizational Leadership sequence

Organizational Leadership sequence	21 s.c.h.
ORLG 3300 Organizational Leadership	
ORGL 3302 Case Studies in Leadership	
ORGL 3304 Professional Communication for Organizations	
PSYC 4302 Industrial Organizational Psychology	
ORGL 4300 Human Resources and Risk assessment	
ORGL 4302 Budget and Revenue	
ORGL 4304 Project Development	

Elective hours from RGC – minimum 9 s.c.h.

Students must have 39 advanced hours

Additional hours from AAS degree (maximum) 39 s.c.h.

Total hours for degree 120 s.c.h.

The BAS with emphasis in Organizational Leadership is a composite degree and does not require a minor.

Requirements for SRSU Rio Grande College degree:

1. A minimum of 120 semester credit hours;
2. A minimum of 39 semester credit hours of advanced course work;
3. A minimum of 30 semester credit hours with SRSU-RGC; and
4. Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better; cumulative GPA in major and minor, 2.0 or better.

