

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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Mylan Redfern, Ph.D. (Louisiana State University) has been Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences since July, 2010. Prior to that she was Head of Mathematics and Computer Science at Valdosta State University and before that Professor of Mathematics at the University of Southern Mississippi. As a faculty member she has taught at both the undergraduate and graduate levels of mathematics. She received over \$300,000 in externally funded grants to produce textbooks on computation mathematics. Her research area is stochastic analysis. She has published many articles and presented her work both nationally and internationally.

Kyle A. Beran, Ph.D. (University of Kansas) has been Associate Dean of the College of Arts since August of 2009 and was awarded the rank of Associate Professor of Chemistry in 2005. He joined the UTPB faculty in 2002 and has been recognized by his peers for both his teaching (Sullivan Award for Teaching Excellence (2002) and Midland Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Teaching Award (2005) and research (La Mancha Windmill Award (2004)). His research projects involving the computational investigation of chemical systems have received external support from the NSF-sponsored TeraGrid project as well as from the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC).

General Overview

The College of Arts and Sciences was formed in 1994 by combining the divisions of Behavioral Sciences, Humanities and Fine Arts and Science and Mathematics. In January 2007, the College was restructured. There are now nine academic departments: Biology, History, Kinesiology, Literature and Languages, Mathematics and Computer Sciences, Physical Sciences, Social Sciences, and Visual and Performing Arts. The Departments and the disciplines within each department are listed below along with Department Chairs and discipline Coordinators.

Departments and Chairs	Disciplines within Departments and Coordinators
Biology Don Allen, Chair	Biology – Don Allen Pre-Med – Doug Spence Multi-Disciplinary Studies – Roy Hurst
Literature and Languages Sophia Andres, Chair	English – Sophia Andres Spanish – Rhina Toruño-Hensley(graduate);Anna Leon(undergraduate)
History Roland Spickermann, Chair	History – Roland Spickermann Humanities – Roland Spickermann
Kinesiology James Eldridge, Chair	Kinesiology – James Eldridge
Mathematical and Computing Sciences Ilhyun Lee, Chair	Computer Science – Ilhyun Lee Information Systems – IlhyunLee Mathematics – Paul Feit
Physical Sciences Emilio Mutis, Chair	Chemistry – Mike Robinson Geology – Emilio Mutis
Psychology Spencer Thompson, Chair	Psychology – Spencer Thompson Child and Family Studies – Spencer Thompson
Social Sciences Craig Emmert, Chair	Criminology – Richard Kiekbusch Leadership – Carol Traut Political Science – Craig Emmert Public Administration – Carol Traut Social Work – Kay Ketzenberger Sociology – Joanna Hadjicostandi Pre-Law – Carol Traut

<p>Visual and Performing Arts</p> <p>Shawn Watson, Chair</p>	<p>Art – Dan Askew</p> <p>Communication – William Harlow</p> <p>Drama – Shawn Watson</p> <p>Music – Dan Keast</p>
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Mission

The mission of the College of Arts and Sciences is to prepare students to think critically, communicate effectively, and carry out the duties of responsible citizens and competent professionals. As U.T. Permian Basin’s largest and most comprehensive academic unit, the College provides a liberal arts and sciences foundation for all undergraduate students as well as specialized degree programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The College is committed to the discovery, synthesis, interpretation, dissemination of new knowledge, and service to both professional academic groups and the other communities we serve through the application of knowledge to human issues and concerns.

The College is proud of its master’s degree research and applied programs that are designed to afford students the opportunity for advanced academic and health related work, careers in teaching, laboratory and naturalistic research, creative and professional endeavors and other areas of scholarly or public service. See The University of Texas of the Permian Basin’s Graduate Studies Catalog for more details.

Undergraduate Major Disciplines

The College of Arts and Sciences offers the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree: Art, Child and Family Studies, Communication, Criminology, English, History, Humanities, Leadership Studies, Multidisciplinary Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and Spanish. The College offers the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in the following disciplines: Athletic Training, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Geology, Information Systems, Kinesiology and Mathematics. The Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS) is offered in Applied Arts and Sciences. The Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) is offered in Art. The Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) is offered in Social Work.

The College also provides a Pre-professional Health Curriculum for students planning to enter medical, dental, optometry, pharmacy or veterinary schools. Students planning careers in these and other allied health fields are referred to the Biology section on pre-professional health programs on page 111 in this catalog, and to faculty in Biology and Chemistry for advising. Students planning to attend law school are referred to the Pre-Law section of the catalog on page 257.

In addition to the University’s minimum general education core requirements for the BA and BS degrees, students must complete the specific major discipline’s degree requirements. The specific additional requirements for these disciplines and various options may be found in the academic discipline sections of this catalog. See also the Pre-Law section (page 257) in this catalog.

For the BA, BAAS, BFA, BS, and BSW degrees, a minimum of 120 semester credit hours is required. The degrees in all majors require that at least 48 hours must be taken at the upper division (junior and senior) level except the BA in Communication and the BAAS, both of which require only 42 upper level hours. Depending on the major, at least 18-30 credit hours must be taken within the major at the upper level. Individual disciplines may set additional and more specific requirements for their respective degrees. This information can be found in the academic discipline sections of this catalog. Enrollment in upper level courses in the major is permitted only after the student has completed all lower-division (freshman and sophomore) prerequisites in the major.

Minor

Students majoring in a discipline within the College must complete a minor with the exception of those seeking: the double major, a second bachelor's degree, or a concurrent second bachelor's degree; the BA in Humanities; BA in Multidisciplinary Studies; the BA in Art (the all level teaching certification program only), the BFA in Art, and BSW in Social Work. A minor consists of a minimum of 18 credit hours, at least nine of which must be upper division. No courses may be counted simultaneously toward the major and minor. Each discipline specifies the requirements for the minor, and there are interdisciplinary minors in Leadership Studies, Bilingual/ESL, Energy Studies, Latin American Studies, Multicultural Studies, Special Populations and Women's Studies. In addition, although a student may not major in non-degree programs such as Fine Arts, Geography and Drama, students may minor in these fields. The specific requirements for these minors may be found in the academic discipline sections of this catalog.

Advising:

All freshman and sophomore students in the College of Arts and Sciences will be advised by professional advisors in the College of Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Center. Juniors and seniors will be assigned a faculty advisor in their chosen major and will be advised by that advisor for their last two years at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

All incoming transfer students in the College of Arts and Sciences will be initially advised by professional advisors in the College of Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Center. If the incoming transfer student is a freshman or sophomore, the student will be advised by the professional advisors until the student is a junior at which time a faculty advisor in the student's chosen major will be assigned. If the incoming transfer student is a junior or senior, after initial advising by a professional advisor in the College of Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Center, a faculty advisor will be assigned.

All students should meet their advisor faculty or professional once during each semester. At that meeting the advisor will update the student's degree plan and discuss the courses the student should take during the subsequent semester. In this way, the student can complete his or her degree in a timely and efficient manner.

A student who enters the University and decides to defer declaring a major will be advised by the Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Office. Once the student declares a major and is a junior or senior, the Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Office will assign a faculty advisor in that major field.

Prospective high school and community college students are encouraged to contact the Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Office for assistance in planning high school and lower division transfer programs or to learn more information about specific major programs and career opportunities.

Freshman or sophomore students in online programs will be advised online by professional advisors in the College of Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Center. The student must initiate advising by emailing eadvisor@utpb.edu.

Teacher Certification and TExES/ExCET Requirements

Students who seek teaching certification are subject to additional course requirements and procedures that are described in the School of Education section of this catalog. The *Teacher Certification Officer* in the School of Education should be consulted for the purpose of generating a separate teacher certification plan.

Graduate Programs

At the graduate level, master's degrees are offered in ten Arts & Science fields. The Master of Arts (MA) degree is offered in English, History, Psychology, and Spanish; the Master of Science (MS) is offered in Biology, Computer Science, Criminal Justice Administration, Geology and Kinesiology; and the Master of Public Administration (MPA) is offered in Public Administration under Leadership Studies. The specific admissions and course requirements for these Master's Degrees may be found in The University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Graduate Studies Catalog.