Division of Business and Social Sciences

The Division of Business and Social Sciences consists of Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Social Work, and Sociology. To earn the bachelor’s degree, students must complete the required hours in the general education core, the institutional course requirements, and the content (major program) area requirements.

The Division of Business and Social Sciences prepares students in the respective majors by offering a compilation of courses that provide an understanding of the content and the foundational principles of the subject matter. Each major is mission driven in that they ensure a balanced intellectual preparation that assist students with being prepared as productive citizens in their chosen fields of study.

All students aspiring to become candidates for a major in the Division of Business and Social Sciences must complete a maximum of 44 semester hours of general education courses and 15 hours of institutional requirements.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
The major of Business Administration provides an understanding of how to manage a business so that it remains stable for the opportunity of growth. Students are introduced to decision making techniques along with strategies for understanding and preparing for business operations. The compilation of courses in business have content that include management, accounting, marketing, finance, business law and economics; all assist with the foundational understanding of the major. Following is the Degree Plan for the major in Business Administration.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE
The curriculum for Criminal Justice is designed to provide students with an understanding of the criminal justice system, its agencies, personnel, and historical foundation. The program offers a broad blend of courses intended to prepare students for both academic and professional success with the framework of a strong liberal arts education. A fundamental element of the criminal justice program is experiential learning; students must complete an internship with a social science related agency. The liberal arts focus of the program prepares students for graduate school in criminal justice and for careers at the local, state, and federal levels in law enforcement, corrections, and court-related agencies. Following is the Degree Plan for the major in Criminal Justice.

SOCIAL WORK
The program prepares graduates for general application of knowledge in entry level social work practices as well as continuing professional development. The degree is designed to prepare students with basic knowledge of theory and the ability to engage in thought with theoretical difficulty. Students should have the ability to work with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities in a variety of agency settings. Following is the Degree Plan for the major in Social Work.

SOCIOLOGY
The sociology major offers foundational knowledge and skill development required of professions in academia, government, business, religion, education, community agencies, etc. The diverse courses allow students to apply critical thinking skill in the exploration of issues vital to everyday living in communities, the nation, and around the globe. Study topics such as crime and deviance, demography, family and gender, politics, the economy, religion, the city, education, intergroup relations, mass media and social class increase student interest in and life-long commitment to community service. Sociology is designed to complement student preparation for graduate school and/or related, professional study in areas such as law, the ministry and social work.

SUCCESS Program
The SUCCESS Program is designed to enhance the educational experiences of adult learners. In an effort to provide an opportunity to a well-rounded education and a bachelor’s degree to enhance career advancement, the program offers:

- Three degree program options (Business Administration, Criminal Justice, and Religion);
- Evening classes;
- Tuition and fees same as traditional students;
- Access to campus resources (Academic Advising, Tutorial Services, Academic Workshops, Career Counseling and Student Activities and Organization);
- Five-week courses that meet twice per week;
- Face-to-Face and Online classes;
- New cohorts (groups) begin each month; and
- Full-time enrollment of 12-18 hours
Texas College is a historically black college founded in 1894, by a group of CME ministers. Our mission, which continues to embody the principles of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, is to ensure that the student body experiences balanced intellectual, psychological, social and spiritual development, aimed at enabling them to become active productive members of society where they live and work. (Recast and approved by the Board of Trustees at the Annual Meeting, April 15, 2011).

To address the mission, the College incorporates the core values of:

**Academic Excellence** – developing a culture of curiosity and creativity that will challenge the frontiers of teaching/learning; stimulate research; raise the level of analytical reasoning and inquiry; and enable students to acquire leadership, human relations, communications, and technology skills.

**Integrity** – instilling the pursuit of character, honesty and sincerity of purpose as the moral rubrics upon which the behaviors of our graduates and College family are anchored.

**Perseverance** – implanting diligence, enterprise and pride in the application of skills, knowledge and abilities developed during the course of study at Texas College.

**Social Responsibility** – promoting in the College community a conscious awareness that we are all stewards of the resources entrusted to our care.

**Tolerance** – emphasizing openness to divergent points of view, applying an eclectic approach to rational and analytical thinking.

**Community Service** – encouraging self-extension in service to others as the heart and soul of our educational enterprise.