The College of Applied Arts' mission is to prepare undergraduate and graduate students for careers through programs of high quality in academic, professional, and technical areas; to further faculty excellence in teaching supported by quality scholarship; and to enhance our involvement with local, state, national, and international constituencies.

The College of Applied Arts offers five undergraduate degrees, each with options that prepare students for careers that suit their interests. Refer to each department/school website for more information on degree options:

1. Bachelor of Science in Agriculture;
2. Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences;
3. Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice;
4. Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences;
5. Bachelor of Social Work

In addition, the Departments of Aerospace Studies and Military Science offer minors which prepare qualified students for commissioning in the United States Air Force, United States Army, United States Army Reserves, or Army National Guard.

Twenty-two undergraduate majors (several with specialized options) are offered by two departments and three schools within the College:

- Department of Agricultural Sciences: Agriculture (with teacher certification option), Agriculture Animal Science (with a concentration in pre-veterinary option), and Agriculture Business and Management (with concentrations in agribusiness management, agricultural systems management, and horticultural business).
- School of Criminal Justice and Criminology: Criminal Justice
- School of Family and Consumer Sciences: Consumer Affairs (with a concentration in family and consumer sciences or personal financial management, and teacher certification options), Human Development and Family Sciences (with teacher certification option), Fashion Merchandising (with a concentration in planning and presentation option), Interior Design, and Nutrition and Foods (with dietetics concentration and teacher certification options).
- Department of Organization, Workforce, and Leadership Studies: Applied Arts and Sciences. Individualized degree program which offers students the opportunity to receive college credit for previous competencies acquired in their lives as well as selecting a new career path or supplementing skills in their current path.
- School of Social Work: Social Work (education for beginning generalist in social work practices). Designed to give students a well-rounded perspective on efforts to enhance human well-being and productivity, help alleviate poverty and strengthen social justice.

Several of the College's programs have externship-type courses. These courses provide opportunities for students to further their education in an environment external to Texas State. These courses have entrance requirements including good academic standing at the time of the internship. More specific course requirements are available from the department of your major.

The mission of the College of Applied Arts Academic Advising Center is to provide accurate and timely advice to prospective and current students regarding their progress toward completion of undergraduate degree programs administered by the college. Services include preparation of degree audits, assistance with degree planning, scheduling of classes, counseling for probation and suspension holds, evaluation of transfer work, and application for graduation. Please contact the Advising Center to schedule an appointment for academic advising at 512-245-1490 or online: https://advising.appliedarts.txstate.edu. Staff are available to meet with students Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.