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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:

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

In addition, the Departments of Aerospace Studies and Military Science prepare 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 four departments and three schools within the College:

- **Agriculture**: animal science with specializations in basic science and pre-vet and integrated ranch and natural resources management, general agriculture with or without teacher certification, agricultural business and management with specializations in agribusiness management, agricultural systems management, and horticultural business.
- **Criminal Justice**: law enforcement, corrections, criminal justice.
- **Family and Consumer Sciences**: family and consumer sciences (with consumer science option and teacher certification option), family and child development (with teacher certification option), fashion merchandising, interior design, nutrition and foods (with teacher certification option).
- **Occupational, Workforce, and Leadership Studies**: applied arts and sciences. (Individualized degree program that offers adults the opportunity to receive college credit for previous competencies acquired in the workplace as well as select a new career path or supplement skills in current path.)
- **Social Work**: Education for beginning generalist in social work practices. Designed to give you 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.

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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, evaluation of transfer work, and application for graduation. Please contact the Advising Center staff to schedule an appointment for advising.