

University Studies Student Application Instructions

UNIVERSITY STUDIES IS BY APPLICATION ONLY

The Degree. University studies is a non-specialty degree program designed to meet the needs of students who are interested in a broad based education. This degree allows a student to design their own program.

The Degree Components. Program requirements consist of general and university requirements, two minors and one cluster, or one minor and two clusters. A cluster consists of 12-15 credits of one or more disciplines. (A discipline is a subject such as math, or English, etc.)

The Degree Limitations. This degree is not designed to prepare students to compete in the job market in specific areas such as business or accounting. University studies is a degree program generally not intended for transfer; however, some graduate schools will admit students with this degree. Students who plan to attend graduate school should verify this fact before pursuing a university studies degree.

Important Note: Students should carefully evaluate their career goals and consult with an advisor before selecting this major. This major is not recommended for freshmen or sophomores.

The Application Process:

- 1) Students must do their own research and find the answers to these questions:
 - a) What are my career/academic goals?
 - b) What do people with these goals need to do to reach them?
 - c) Is university studies an accepted/desirable path by admission boards, hiring managers and/or key decision makers in my future?
 - d) Can my goals be reached by a traditional major? Why or why not?
- 2) Then, meet with an advisor in the Career & Academic Advising Center (CAC), Kimball 250, to discuss what they've learned in Step 1.
- 3) Complete the University Studies Major Application Form. This form is available at the CAC or online at the following URL: www.byui.edu/advising/forms/799.
- 4) The application and supporting documentation must be completed *before* you can turn in your application. No partial or incomplete applications will be accepted.

Here is your application checklist:

- General Education section of the form is completely filled out with department, form, credit, course title and completed/planned cells filled in.
- Minor section(s) of the form is completely filled out with department, form, credit, course title and completed/planned cells filled in. Also, the department, minor code and catalog year are noted.
- Cluster section(s) of the form is completely filled out with department, form, credit, course title and completed/planned cells filled in.
- Additional requirements are met and noted on the application.
- Cluster forms are approved with all of the required signatures.
- Upper-division section of the form is completely filled out with department, form, credit, course title and completed/planned cells filled in.
- A thoughtful student justification has been written for each question.
- It has been signed by you.

Students are not officially declared as a university studies major until they receive an acceptance email from an advisor at the CAC.

UNIVERSITY STUDIES MAJOR APPLICATION FORM

Bachelor of Science (799)

(Complete form working from your graduation report)

Name: _____

Student I-Number: _____

General Education	Dept.	Course Number	Crdt	Course Title	Semester and Year Taken or Planned
Book of Mormon	REL	121	2	Book of Mormon	
	REL	122	2	Book of Mormon	
	<i>or</i>				
	REL	221	2	Book of Mormon for Prospective Missionaries	
Scripture Based	REL		3		
	REL		3		
Elective Religion	REL		2		
	REL		2		
College Writing	ENG	111	3	College Writing	
	<i>or</i>				
	COMM	111	3	Writing for Communication Careers	
Advanced Writing			3		
Mathematics	MATH		3		
Basic Skills					
Arts			3		
	FA	100		Fine Arts	
Letters			3		
Biological Science					
Lab or Additional Class?					
Physical Science					
Lab or Additional Class?					
American Institutions					
Social Science					

Total Left

Minor	Dept.	Course Number	Crdt	Course Title	Semester and Year Taken or Planned
Department: _____					
Minor Code: _____					
Catalog Year: _____					

Total Left

Minor <input type="checkbox"/> -or- Cluster <input type="checkbox"/>	Dept.	Course Number	Crdt	Course Title	Semester and Year Taken or Planned
Department: _____					
Minor Code: _____					
Catalog Year: _____					

Total Left

Cluster <i>Must be in a different discipline than previous two sections</i>	Dept.	Course Number	Crdt	Course Title	Semester and Year Taken or Planned
Department: _____					

Total Left

Upper Division	Dept.	Course Number	Crdt	Course Title	Semester and Year Taken or Planned
<p>Any course numbered 300 or higher counts. This is a summary of all the general education, major, minor and elective courses that you have taken that are 300 or higher. If you have more than 30 you can stop typing them out once you reach 30.0 recorded credits.</p> <p>Upper division from accredited transfer institutions can be used.</p> <p>Courses can be double-counted in this section i.e., Advanced Writing and Religion classes can be used here along with cluster and minor requirement courses.</p>					
	Total:				

Student Justification (include on a separate Word document if necessary):
 Why are you applying for the university studies degree?

How do you plan to use this degree when you graduate?

How does this major serve your life/career goals better than one of our more traditional majors?

Additional Requirements	Completed (✓) or Planned (P)?	ADVISOR ONLY Advisor Certify & Initial
I have read the university studies application letter and understand the degree's limitations		
30 Upper Division Credits - Any college course numbered 300 or higher		
30 Resident Credits - Credits taken at or from Brigham Young University - Idaho		
120 Total Credits - Number of credits required to earn a bachelor's degree. Elective courses may need to be taken to reach this credit amount.		
2.0 Minimum GPA - Cumulative GPA's below 2.0 do not qualify to earn a bachelor's degree		
Cluster Forms Approved - Must be approved before application will be reviewed		
I have completed this application according to the application checklist		

ADVISOR ONLY Additional Comments:

Signatures:

Student: _____ *Date*

CAC Advisor: _____ *Date*

CAC Director: _____ *Date*