

Chapter 9
Rules Applying to Program Development in Public Two-Year Colleges

Subchapter L
Multidisciplinary Studies Associate Degrees

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9.550 Purpose

The purpose of this subchapter is to establish the coordinating board's oversight for public community colleges regarding Multidisciplinary Studies Associate Degrees.

9.551 Authority

Authority for this subchapter is provided by Texas Education Code, Section 130.0104, which provides the board with the authority to administer Multidisciplinary Studies Associate Degrees.

9.552 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- (1) Board or Coordinating Board - The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- (2) Core Curriculum - has the meaning as defined by rule 4.28 of this title.
- (3) Degree Plan - The meaning as defined in Texas Education Code, Section 51.9685(a)(1).
- (4) Four-year College or University - A degree-granting postsecondary institution as defined in Texas Education Code, Section 61.003(3).
- (5) Multidisciplinary Studies Associate Degree Program - A coordinating board approved associate of arts or associate of science degree composed of the college's core curriculum and enough additional courses to equal 60 semester credit hours (SCH). The SCH beyond the core curriculum must be selected by the student, in consultation with an academic advisor, and transfer to a specific field of study or major at a university of the student's choice.

(6) Public Community College- The meaning as defined in Texas Education Code, Section 61.003(2).

9.553 Multidisciplinary Studies Associate Degree Program

A multidisciplinary studies associate degree program established at a junior college under this section must require a student to successfully complete:

(1) The junior college's core curriculum adopted under Texas Education Code, Texas Education Code Section 61.822(b); and

(2) After completion of the core curriculum under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the courses selected by the student in the student's completed degree plan accounts for all remaining credit hours required for the completion of the degree program; and

(3) Emphasizes the student's transition to a particular four-year college or university that the student chooses; and prepare for the student's intended field of study or major at the four-year college or university.

9.554 Adoption of Program

The governing board of each public junior college district shall establish a multidisciplinary studies associate degree program which meets the requirements of this subchapter.at each junior college in the district

9.555 Student Advising

Notwithstanding Texas Education Code Section 51.9685, before the beginning of the regular semester or term immediately following the semester or term in which a student successfully completes a cumulative total of 30 or more semester credit hours for coursework in a multidisciplinary studies associate degree program established under this section, the student must meet with an academic advisor to complete a degree plan, as defined by rule 9.773 of this subchapter, that:

(1) Accounts for all remaining credit hours required for the completion of the degree program; and

(2) Emphasizes the student's transition to a particular four-year college or university that the student chooses; and

(3) Preparations for the student's intended field of study or major at the four-year college or university.