

# UNIVERSITY COLLEGE STUDIES (UCS)

## University College Studies (UCS) Courses

### **UCS 1200. UC Signature Experience - Internship. (0-0) 0 Credit Hours.**

An experiential learning internship opportunity in which students conduct supervised professional activities in an organization closely related to their field of study. Includes a monitored self-reflection component. May be repeated.

### **UCS 1300. UC Signature Experience - Research. (0-0) 0 Credit Hours.**

Supervised research mentored by a faculty member or other supervisor engaged in active research in the student's field of study. Includes skill building and application such as asking questions, proposing hypotheses, designing studies, selecting methods, using the tools of science, gathering and analyzing data, discovery, investigating and communicating findings. Includes a monitored self-reflection component. May be repeated.

### **UCS 1400. UC Signature Experience - Study Away. (0-0) 0 Credit Hours.**

An international or other "away" from UTSA experiential opportunity that allows students to obtain valuable knowledge and skill building to include culturally diverse experiences. Includes a monitored self-reflection component. May be repeated.

### **UCS 1500. UC Signature Experience - Community Engagement. (0-0) 0 Credit Hours.**

An experiential and meaningful community-based learning opportunity to enrich the learning experience, develop skills of civic engagement/social responsibility. Supervision by faculty member or community partner. Includes a monitored self-reflection component. May be repeated.

### **UCS 1600. UC Signature Experience - Leadership. (0-0) 0 Credit Hours.**

A semester-long opportunity for skill building and application such as self, social, and situational awareness. Students will identify and further develop a personal foundation of knowledge, skills and attitudes related to leadership under the supervision of a faculty member or mentor. Includes a monitored self-reflection component. May be repeated.

### **UCS 2003. Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.**

This course is designed to support students participating in research and scholarly activity at the undergraduate level. The course will provide students the opportunity to engage further into the research process by learning and applying research methods, analytical analysis, problem solving and critical thinking skills.

### **UCS 2011. UTSA Engage: A Service-Learning Experience. (1-0) 1 Credit Hour.**

Students will be engaged in a minimum of 15 hours of pre-approved, unpaid service in a non-profit or public sector organization in the San Antonio region. Coupled with their service experience will be an online learning environment that will engage students in readings on the nature of service, community engagement, social issues prevalent in the region, and other prompts to engage students in critical thinking and reflection. The service must be performed within the semester that a student is registered. A student may not use another course requirement to complete this credit, it must be an independent experience. A student may repeat the course once for additional credit with the service experience being at a different placement than their previous experience. Course Fee: DL01 \$25.

### **UCS 2013. Career Engaged Learning. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.**

This course provides understanding of how students can prepare for future careers now, connecting the classroom to the career. Topics explored will relate to the self and an understanding of how we communicate who we are to the world (including employers). This includes an understanding of how to network productively and create a professional story about one's talents, skills, and competitiveness. This course will aid in success, self-efficacy, and agency to move students ahead in their career trajectory. This course will expose students to theory, research, entrepreneurship, and innovation. Students are not required to have a declared major or chosen career path to take this course.

### **UCS 2033. Personal Career Planning. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.**

This course provides knowledge of career development theories and decision-making models, current national and state-specific labor market trends, and provides career and occupational resources. Course includes opportunities for self-assessment and career assessment results, including interest, personality, values clarification inventories and skills identification as they relate to occupational choices. This course equips students with skills that help them make positive career decisions throughout their education at UTSA and their career trajectory. (Formerly COU 2103. Credit cannot be earned for both UCS 2033 and COU 2103).

### **UCS 2043. Internship Preparation. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.**

This course is designed to prepare students for internships and similar work-related experiences. Students will learn how to optimize their internship search, manage expectations, build NACE Career Readiness skills, and engage in awareness and reflective exercises to successfully complete an internship and build meaningful industry connections. This is an entry-level course offered in the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credit hours.

### **UCS 3201. Graduate School Workshop. (1-0) 1 Credit Hour.**

This course is designed to help students prepare for admission to graduate school and, particularly, for admission to Ph.D. programs. The course addresses a variety of pertinent topics, such as how one decides whether to attend graduate school, what type of graduate program one should select, how students can improve their chances of being admitted to the programs of their choice, how to choose select specific programs to apply to, how to prepare an effective application, and how to pay for graduate study. The course also will provide students with practical advice for preparing for the GRE. This course may be repeated for credit.

### **UCS 4000. Law School Experience I. (0-0) 0 Credit Hours.**

The course is designed to introduce students to law school and the legal profession and strengthen their desire to pursue a law degree. Students will have the opportunity to: 1) take mock law school lectures to learn what is expected from them in law school, 2) learn about law school application and admissions, 3) understand the real cost of a law degree, 4) have an idea of different legal fields and career choices, and 5) network with law professionals as knowledgeable resources for students' academic and professional legal career.

**UCS 4013. UTSA Advanced Engagement. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.**

UTSA Advanced Engagement provides students with experiential and meaningful community-based learning opportunities in a real-world context to enrich the learning experience, develop skills of civic engagement/social responsibility and work alongside community partners/leaders to address social challenges. Students will learn theories and best practices from community-based initiatives across academic disciplines. Student will be required to work with a community partner to design, apply, reflect, evaluate and present the service-learning project. Capstone projects will be presented at either the Civic Engagement Summit, UTSA Undergraduate Research Showcase or other approved event.

**UCS 4100. Law School Experience II. (0-0) 0 Credit Hours.**

This course is designed to introduce students to the elements of analytical reasoning and critical thinking, including the clear and precise use of language, deduction, induction, conditional reasoning, analogy, and logic, and to apply to principles of reasoning and logic in preparations for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). Prerequisites are the completion of the two SLSPA 3-credit courses during Phase I, and concurrent enrollment in the two SLSPA 3-credit courses during Phase II.

**UCS 4200. UC Signature Experience - Internship. (0-0) 0 Credit Hours.**

An experiential learning internship opportunity in which students conduct supervised professional activities in an organization closely related to their field of study. Includes a monitored self-reflection component. May be repeated.

**UCS 4300. UC Signature Experience - Research. (0-0) 0 Credit Hours.**

Supervised research mentored by a faculty member or other supervisor engaged in active research in the student's field of study. Includes skill building and application such as asking questions, proposing hypotheses, designing studies, selecting methods, using the tools of science, gathering and analyzing data, discovery, investigating and communicating findings. Includes a monitored self-reflection component. May be repeated.

**UCS 4400. UC Signature Experience - Study Away. (0-0) 0 Credit Hours.**

An international or other "away" from UTSA experiential opportunity that allows students to obtain valuable knowledge and skill building to include culturally diverse experiences. Includes a monitored self-reflection component. May be repeated.

**UCS 4500. UC Signature Experience - Community Engagement. (0-0) 0 Credit Hours.**

An experiential and meaningful community-based learning opportunity to enrich the learning experience, develop skills of civic engagement/social responsibility. Supervision by faculty member or community partner. Includes a monitored self-reflection component. May be repeated.

**UCS 4600. UC Signature Experience - Leadership. (0-0) 0 Credit Hours.**

A semester-long opportunity for skill building and application such as self, social, and situational awareness. Students will identify and further develop a personal foundation of knowledge, skills and attitudes related to leadership under the supervision of a faculty member or mentor. Includes a monitored self-reflection component. May be repeated.

**UCS 4913. Independent Study in Prelaw. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.**

Course designed for students to hone the skills needed for law school in case they decide to pursue a legal education. Students must do independent reading, research, discussion, and or writing on a prelaw topic under the direction of a faculty member of University College.

**UCS 4933. Internship in Prelaw Studies. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.**

The course is designed to serve as a pre-professional experience for students pursuing law school. The internship course will expose students to the law and intentional experiential learning at a law firm or in a corporation's legal department, a non-profit organization's legal office, or a government agency's legal section (courts and public law agencies). The internship course will be under the direction of a faculty member of the University College.