

In order to acquire the fundamental skills and cultural background that are the marks of an educated person, all undergraduate students at Texas State complete a 42 semester credit hour program of general education core curriculum courses, which serves as the common foundation for all majors and accounts for about 35 percent of the approximately 120 semester credit hours required for a bachelor's degree.

At the end of the bachelor's program, the student is prepared not only in a field of study, but also in the general abilities of critical thinking, communication, empirical and quantitative skills, teamwork, personal responsibility and social responsibilities that remain universally useful skills in a rapidly changing world. Texas State graduates have the raw materials to build solutions as they fulfill career and civic responsibilities.

A list of courses that fulfill the general education core curriculum at Texas State University is given below. In many cases, the academic degree plans of various Texas State colleges, schools, departments, degrees, majors, and certifications modify or exceed these standards, so students are urged to carefully examine all sections of this catalog, which apply to the academic program of their choice. More information about the Texas State University general education core curriculum may be found at: <https://www.provost.txst.edu/gec.html>

Students transferring from Texas public institutions of higher education may have to fulfill only those portions of the general education core curriculum not completed at their previous institutions. Students from private or out-of-state institutions or those who took coursework before this core curriculum was put into place (Fall 2014), will have their coursework evaluated to determine if it is equivalent to that required at Texas State.

For all undergraduate students, specific major requirements may override those in the core curriculum. Those who have completed the core requirement for college math, for instance, may have to complete Calculus if such is required by their major. In all cases, the major and core requirements applicable are those in the catalog year to which the student is assigned. A list of general education core requirements at all Texas public institutions of higher education is available online at <http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/apps/tcc/>.

General Education Core Curriculum Components

Communication Component Code 010 (6 semester credit hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Select two of the following:		
COMM 1310	Fundamentals of Human Communication	
ENG 1310	College Writing I (TCCN: ENGL 1301)	
ENG 1320	College Writing II (TCCN: ENGL 1302)	
ENG 1321	Writing for Sustainable Change	
ENG 3303	Technical Writing	
HON 2301A	Writing to Change the World	
HON 2301B	Writing Yourself into Academia: Creating Portraiture	

Mathematics Component Code 020 (3 semester credit hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Select one of the following:		
MATH 1312	College Statistics and Algebra (TCCN: MATH 1342) ¹	
MATH 1315	College Algebra (TCCN: MATH 1314) ¹	
MATH 1316	Survey of Contemporary Mathematics (TCCN: MATH 1332) ¹	
MATH 1317	Plane Trigonometry (TCCN: MATH 1316) ¹	
MATH 1319	Mathematics for Business and Economics I (TCCN: MATH 1324) ¹	
MATH 1329	Mathematics for Business and Economics II (TCCN: MATH 1325) ¹	
MATH 2321	Calculus for Life Sciences I (TCCN: MATH 2313) ¹	
MATH 2417	Pre-Calculus Mathematics (TCCN: MATH 2412) ¹	
MATH 2471	Calculus I (TCCN: MATH 2413) ¹	
HON 2302A	Elementary Number Theory	
HON 2302B	Graph Theory and Applications	

¹ See Department of Mathematics section of this catalog for enrollment requirements.

Life and Physical Sciences Component Code 030 (6 semester credit hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Select two of the following:		
ANTH 2301	Biological Anthropology (TCCN: ANTH 2301)	
BIO 1320	Modern Biology I, Molecules, Cells, and Physiology (TCCN: BIOL 1308)	
BIO 1321	Ecology, Evolution and Society (TCCN: BIOL 1309)	
BIO 1330	Functional Biology (TCCN: BIOL 1306)	
BIO 1331	Organismal Biology (TCCN: BIOL 1307)	
CHEM 1310	Introductory Chemistry for Non-Science Majors (TCCN: CHEM 1305) ²	
CHEM 1330	Chemistry for Non-Science Majors (TCCN: CHEM 1307)	
CHEM 1335	Engineering Chemistry (TCCN: CHEM 1309)	
CHEM 1341	General Chemistry I (TCCN: CHEM 1311) ²	
CHEM 1342	General Chemistry II (TCCN: CHEM 1312)	
GEO 1305	Meteorology (TCCN: GEOL 1347)	
GEOL 1410	Physical Geology (TCCN: GEOL 1403)	
GEOL 1420	Historical Geology (TCCN: GEOL 1404)	
GS 2310	Life Science Concepts	
PHYS 1310	Elementary Physics I (TCCN: PHYS 1305)	
PHYS 1315	General Physics I (TCCN: PHYS 1301) ³	
PHYS 1320	Elementary Physics II (TCCN: PHYS 1307)	
PHYS 1325	General Physics II (TCCN: PHYS 1302)	
PHYS 1335	General Physics I for Life Sciences Majors	
PHYS 1340	Astronomy: Solar System (TCCN: PHYS 1312)	
PHYS 1345	General Physics II for Life Science Majors	
PHYS 1350	Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies (TCCN: PHYS 1311)	
PHYS 1365	Physics for Educators	

PHYS 1430	Mechanics (TCCN: PHYS 2425) ³
PHYS 2425	Electricity and Magnetism (TCCN: PHYS 2426)
HON 2303A	Teaching Physical Science to Children
HON 2303B	Astronomy in Art, History, and Literature
HON 2303C	Building a Greener Future: One Home at a Time
HON 2303D	Everyday Biology

² Students will not receive general education core curriculum credit for both CHEM 1310 and CHEM 1341.

³ Students will not receive general education core curriculum credit for both PHYS 1315 (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/search/?P=PHYS%201315>) and PHYS 1430 (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/search/?P=PHYS%201430>).

Language, Philosophy, and Culture Component Code 040 (3 semester credit hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Select one of the following:		
ENG 2310	British Literature before 1785	
ENG 2320	British Literature since 1785	
ENG 2330	World Literature before 1600	
ENG 2340	World Literature since 1600	
ENG 2359	US Literature before 1865	
ENG 2360	US Literature since 1865	
ENG 2371	U.S. Literature: Writing Identities	
PHIL 1305	Philosophy and Critical Thinking (TCCN: PHIL 1301)	
PHIL 1320	Ethics and Society (TCCN: PHIL 2306)	
REL 1300	World Religions	
HON 2304A	The Meaning of Death	
HON 2304B	Eating Animals in America: Historical and Philosophical Perspectives	
HON 2304C	Nonviolence and Sustainable Social Change	
HON 2304D	Reinventing Utopia	

Creative Arts Component Code 050 (3 semester credit hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Select one of the following:		
ART 2313	Introduction to Fine Arts (TCCN: HUMA 1315)	
DAN 2313	Introduction to Fine Arts (TCCN: HUMA 1315)	
MU 2313	Introduction to Fine Arts (TCCN: HUMA 1315)	
TH 2313	Introduction to Fine Arts (TCCN: HUMA 1315)	
HON 2305A	African American Popular Music: Society, Politics, and Culture	
HON 2305B	Women and Texas Music	
HON 2305C	Italy and Arts of the Islamic World	
HON 2305D	Honors Creative Arts	

American History Component Code 060 (6 semester credit hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Select one of the following:		
HIST 1310	History of the United States to 1877 (TCCN: HIST 1301)	
HIST 2327	History of Mexican America to 1865 (TCCN: HIST 2327)	
HIST 2381	African American History to 1877 (TCCN: HIST 2381)	
HON 2306D	Witches, Whores, Murderers & Thieves: Capital Crime in Early America	
HON 2306E	Early American History Through Biography	
HON 2306F	Rethinking American Exceptionalism	
HON 2306G	American Countercultures	

Select one of the following:

HIST 1320	History of the United States, 1877 to Date (TCCN: HIST 1302)
HIST 2328	History of Mexican America from 1865 (TCCN: HIST 2328)
HIST 2382	African American History from 1877
HON 2306A	American History Through Memoirs
HON 2306B	Baseball and the American Experience
HON 2306C	America in the 1960s: A History of Movements and Ideas

Government/Political Science Component Code 070 (6 semester credit hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Select two of the following:		
POSI 2310	Principles of American Government (TCCN: GOVT 2306)	
POSI 2320	Functions of American Government (TCCN: GOVT 2305)	
HON 2307A	Democracy in America	
HON 2307B	Contemporary Issues in American Politics	

Social and Behavioral Sciences Component Code 080 (3 semester credit hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Select one of the following:		
ANTH 1312	Cultural Anthropology (TCCN: ANTH 2351)	
CA 2351	Behavioral and Personal Financial Management	
ECO 2301	Principles of Economics (TCCN: ECON 1301)	
ECO 2314	Principles of Microeconomics (TCCN: ECON 2302)	
GEO 1310	World Geography (TCCN: GEOG 1303)	
PFW 1301	Social and Behavioral Dimensions of Physical Fitness and Wellness	
PSY 1300	Introduction to Psychology (TCCN: PSYC 2301)	
SOCI 1310	Introduction to Sociology (TCCN: SOCI 1301)	
HON 2308A	Economic Anthropology	

Component Area Option Codes 090, 091, 092, 093 and 094 (6 semester credit hours)

Code Title Hours

Choose 1 course from two of the following component area options:

Component Area Option Code 090 and 091:

COMM 1310	Fundamentals of Human Communication (TCCN: SPCH 1311)
HON 2309B	Re-Humanizing Communication
HON 2309F	CS Lewis: Chronicles of a Master Communicator
HON 2309L	Communication and Consumer Culture
HON 2309O	Talking Like TED

Component Area Option Code 090 and 092:

MATH 2472	Calculus II (TCCN: MATH 2414)
MATH 2473	Integral Calculus with Multivariables and Series (TCCN: MATH 2415)

Component Area Option Code 090 and 093:

PHYS 2425	Electricity and Magnetism (TCCN: PHYS 2426)
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Component Area Option Code 090 and 094:

ENG 2310	British Literature before 1785 (TCCN: ENGL 2322)
ENG 2320	British Literature since 1785 (TCCN: ENGL 2323)
ENG 2330	World Literature before 1600 (TCCN: ENGL 2332)
ENG 2340	World Literature since 1600 (TCCN: ENGL 2333)
ENG 2359	US Literature before 1865 (TCCN: ENGL 2327)
ENG 2360	US Literature since 1865 (TCCN: ENGL 2328)
ENG 2371	U.S. Literature: Writing Identities
HON 2309A	Origins of Civilization
HON 2309C	Great Ideas: Humanities I
HON 2309D	Magic Realism in the Works of Gabriel Garcia Marquez
HON 2309E	Preserving Humanity in the Face of Conflict: The War Story Genre
HON 2309G	Nature and the Quest for Meaning
HON 2309H	Great Ideas: Humanities II
HON 2309I	Plotting the American Experience
HON 2309J	Memoirs from Lives off the Neurotypical Map
HON 2309K	The Death Plot: Fiction, Memoirs, Poems
HON 2309M	From Jay-Z to Kendrick Lamar: Politics, Power, and Identity in Hip Hop Literature
HON 2309N	Don Quixote and the Birth of the Modern Novel
HON 2309Q	Honors British Literature
HON 2309P	Honors American Literature

Total General Education Core Curriculum: 42 semester credit hours.