

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM

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 departmental 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 and course choices that fulfill the general education core curriculum is given below. In many cases, the academic 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.

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.theccb.state.tx.us/apps/tcc/>.

General Education Core Curriculum Components

Communication (6 semester credit hours) Code 010

Select two of the following:

ENG 1310	College Writing I
ENG 1320	College Writing II
HON 2301A	Writing to Change the World
HON 2301B	Writing Yourself into Academia: Creating Portraiture

Mathematics (3 semester credit hours) Code 020

Select one of the following:

MATH 1312	College Statistics and Algebra
MATH 1315	College Algebra ¹
MATH 1316	Survey of Contemporary Mathematics

MATH 1317	Plane Trigonometry
MATH 1319	Mathematics for Business and Economics I
MATH 1329	Mathematics for Business and Economics II
MATH 2321	Calculus for Life Sciences I
MATH 2417	Pre-Calculus Mathematics
MATH 2471	Calculus I
HON 2302A	Elementary Number Theory
HON 2302B	Graph Theory and Applications

¹ See Department of Mathematics section of this catalog for minimum test scores and/or prerequisites required to enroll in these courses. Students may have to complete MATH 1300 or MATH 1311 before enrolling in MATH 1315.

Life, Physical Sciences (6 semester credit hours) Code 030

Select two of the following:

ANTH 2414	Biological Anthropology
BIO 1320	Modern Biology I, Molecules, Cells, and Physiology
BIO 1330	Functional Biology
BIO 1331	Organismal Biology
BIO 1421	Modern Biology II, Organisms, Evolution, and Environment
CHEM 1310	Introductory Chemistry for Non-Science Majors ¹
CHEM 1330	Chemistry for Non-Science Majors
CHEM 1341	General Chemistry I ¹
CHEM 1342	General Chemistry II
GEO 1305	Meteorology
GEOL 1410	Physical Geology
GEOL 1420	Historical Geology
PHYS 1310	Elementary Physics
PHYS 1315	General Physics I
PHYS 1320	Elementary Physics
PHYS 1325	General Physics II
PHYS 1340	Astronomy: Solar System
PHYS 1350	Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies
PHYS 1430	Mechanics
PHYS 2425	Electricity and Magnetism
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

¹ Students will not receive general education core curriculum credit for both CHEM 1310 and CHEM 1341.

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

Select one of the following:

PHIL 1305	Philosophy and Critical Thinking
PHIL 1320	Ethics and Society
HON 2304A	The Meaning of Death
HON 2304B	Eating Animals in America: Historical and Philosophical Perspectives
HON 2304C	Nonviolence and Sustainable Social Change

Creative Arts (3 semester credit hours) Code 050

Select one of the following:

ART 2313	Introduction to Fine Arts
DAN 2313	Introduction to Fine Arts
MU 2313	Introduction to Fine Arts
TH 2313	Introduction to Fine Arts
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

American History (6 semester credit hours) Code 060

Select two of the following:

HIST 1310	History of the United States to 1877
HIST 1320	History of the United States, 1877 to Date
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
HON 2306D	Witches, Whores, Murderers & Thieves: Capital Crime in Early America
HON 2306E	Early American History Through Biography

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

Select two of the following:

POSI 2310	Principles of American Government
POSI 2320	Functions of American Government
HON 2307A	Democracy in America
HON 2307B	Contemporary Issues in American Politics

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

Select one of the following:

ANTH 1312	Cultural Anthropology
ECO 2301	Principles of Economics
ECO 2314	Principles of Microeconomics
GEO 1310	World Geography
PSY 1300	Introduction to Psychology
SOCI 1310	Introduction to Sociology
PFW 1301	Social and Behavioral Dimensions of Physical Fitness and Wellness
HON 2308A	Economic Anthropology

Texas State Area Option (6 semester credit hours) Codes 090, 091 and 094

Select one of the following courses that satisfy core 090 and 091:

COMM 1310	Fundamentals of Human Communication
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

And select one of the following courses that satisfy core 090 and 094:

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
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

Total General Education Core Curriculum: 42 semester credit hours.