

Texas Core Curriculum Policy
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
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Students who will be receiving their first baccalaureate degrees from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA) must successfully complete the Texas Core Curriculum requirements. The core curriculum consists of 42 semester credit hours in specified component areas. The table below lists core curriculum requirements and courses that may be used to satisfy them.¹

If a student's transcript from another Texas public college or university indicates that the student has completed that institution's core curriculum, no additional core curriculum requirements will be imposed. If a student has not completed the core requirement at another Texas institution prior to entering UTHSCSA, UTHSCSA will accept academic credits from another Texas public college or university the core curriculum courses successfully completed, with grades of "C" or better only. The same requirements also apply to out of state students.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP) credit may be accepted for core curriculum requirements. The maximum number of hours accepted for CLEP shall be established by the respective school/program.

Texas Core Curriculum Component Areas and Requirements	Credit Hours
Communication (English rhetoric/composition) – ENGL 1301, ENGL 1302, ENGL 1311, ENGL 1312, ENGL 2311, ENGL 2314, ENGL 2315, or equivalent*	6
Mathematics 3 hours in Algebra - MATH 1314 or higher 3 hours in Statistics – MATH 1342, MATH 1442, MATH 2342, MATH 2442, or PSYC 2317, or equivalent	6
Natural Sciences – Courses with prefixes BIOL, CHEM, GEOL, PHYS, HORT, or other natural sciences	9
Humanities & Visual and Performing Arts Must include: 3 hours in visual/performing arts – Courses with prefixes ARTS, DANC, MUAP, MUEN, MUSI, DRAM, or equivalent 3 hours in "other," including literature, philosophy, modern or classical language/literature, and cultural studies**	6
Social and Behavioral Sciences Must include: 6 hours in U.S. history – either HIST 1301& HIST 1302, or HIST 1301 & HIST 2301 6 hours in political science – GOVT 2301 & GOVT 2302, or GOVT 2301 & GOVT 2305, or GOVT 2301 & GOVT 2306, or GOVT 2305 & GOVT 2306. 3 hours in social/behavioral science – Courses with prefixes ANTH, ECON, CRIJ, GEOG, PSYC, SOCI, SOCW	15
Total Texas Core Curriculum Semester Credit Hours	42

***Communication** – Application of English means the basic proficiency skills acquired during introductory courses and including a working competency in grammar, writing, speaking and listening/comprehension in English.

****Humanities** – Application of language skills includes a study of literature in the original language, and/or the cultural studies related to a modern or classical language.

¹ Texas Common Course numbers are provided for guidance. Information is available on line at <http://www.tccns.org>, click on ACGM (The Lower-Division Academic Course Guide Manual of Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Community and Technical Colleges Division). Applicants are encouraged to contact the UTHSCSA Office of the Registrar or the respective school/program office to inquire about other courses that may satisfy Core Curriculum requirements.