

# Core Curriculum

All students pursuing an undergraduate degree at the University must complete the forty-two-hour statewide Core Curriculum.

The list of courses students should choose from to fulfill their Core Curriculum requirements is updated annually and published here. Students should consult the [Course Schedule](#) in order to see the Core Curriculum course offerings in any given semester. For more information on Core Curriculum requirements please see the Undergraduate College chapter of the [Undergraduate Catalog](#) or visit the [Core Curriculum requirements website](#).

## Core Area

### First-year Signature Course

One of the following courses, completed during the student's first year in residence:

> Undergraduate Studies 302, 303

Students in the Plan II Honors Program may complete this requirement by taking Tutorial Course 302.

### English Composition and Writing Flag

Six hours are required.

> Rhetoric and Writing 306

Nonnative speakers of English may take Rhetoric and Writing 306Q instead of Rhetoric and Writing 306. Students in the Plan II Honors Program may take English 303C or Tutorial Course 303C instead of Rhetoric and Writing 306.

> A three-hour course with a Writing Flag designation

The Writing Flagged course counted toward this area of the Core Curriculum may also be used to satisfy other Flag and major requirements outside the Core Curriculum, but may not be used to satisfy any other requirement of the Core Curriculum.

## Humanities

One of the following courses:

> English 316L, 316M, 316N, 316P

Students in the Plan II Honors Program may complete this requirement by taking English 303D or Tutorial Course 303D.

## American and Texas Government

Six hours are required. This coursework partially fulfills the [legislative requirement](#). ROTC courses may not be substituted for the Core Curriculum courses in government.

> Government 310L is required for all students and

> Government 312L, 312P, 305C, or 306C may be used to satisfy the second half of this requirement.

Rules prescribing which pairs of in-residence and transferred government coursework will fulfill the legislative requirement are very strict. In order to ensure coursework combinations are consistent with the legislative requirement, students should consult the [Office of Admissions website](#) or the current Core Curriculum course list on the Undergraduate College website for guidance before choosing courses to pair for this requirement.

## United States History

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Six hours are required; three hours may be in Texas history. This coursework partially fulfills the [legislative requirement](#). ROTC courses may not be substituted for the Core Curriculum courses in history.

Any two of the following courses may be counted:

> African and African Diaspora Studies 320C\*

> History 314K, 315G, 315K, 315L, 317L, 320E\*, 320F\*, 320T\*, 329P, 333L, 333M, 334L, 340S, 345J, 345L, 350R, 351P, 355F, 355M, 355N, 355P, 355S, 356G, 356K, 356P, 356R, 356S, 357C, 357D, 365G, 376F

\* Courses marked with an asterisk focus on Texas history.

## Social and Behavioral Sciences

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One of the following courses:

> Advertising 319

> African and African Diaspora Studies 303, 324E

> Anthropology 302, 305, 307, 318L

> Core Texts and Ideas 302, 365

> Curriculum and Instruction 312, 319

> Economics 301, 304K, 304L

> Educational Leadership and Policy 354L

> Geography 305, 306C, 319

> Health and Society 301

> History 329U

> Human Development and Family Sciences 304, 304H

> Human Dimensions of Organizations 301

> Kinesiology 311K

> Linguistics 306, 312D, 312E

> Mexican American Studies 301, 309

> Psychology 301, 306

> Radio-Television-Film 303C

> Religious Studies 310

> Social Science 302C, 302D, 302E, 302F

> Sociology 302, 307C, 307D, 307E, 307F, 307G, 307J, 307K, 307L,

307P, 307Q, 307S, 307T, 308D, 308G, 308J, 308K, 308L, 308M,

308N, 309C, 312S, 313K, 318, 319

> Special Education 303

## Mathematics

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One of the following courses:

> Advertising 309R

> African and African Diaspora Studies 302M, 350

> Educational Psychology 308

> Government 350K

> Mathematics 302, 305G, 408C, 408K, 408N, 408Q, 408R

> Philosophy 313

> Psychology 317L

> Sociology 317L

> Statistics and Data Sciences 301, 302F, 320E, 320H, 325H

Students in the Plan II Honors Program may complete this requirement by taking Mathematics 310P.

## Natural Science and Technology, Part I

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Two of the following courses:

- > Anthropology 301 , 304, 304T
- > Astronomy 301, 307, 309C, 309G, 309L, 309N, 309R, 309S
- > Biology 301E, 302D , 302E, 302F, 302G, 311C, 311D, 315H, 325H, 326M, 446L, 365S
- > Chemistry 301, 301C , 301N, 302, 302C , 302N
- > Geography 401C, 301K, 404E
- > Geological Sciences 401, 302C, 302D, 302E, 302G, 302J, 302M, 302N, 302P, 302Q, 303, 303C, 303E, 405
- > Marine Science 307, 308
- > Nutrition 306
- > Physical Science 303, 304; Physics 301, 302K, 302L, 303K, 303L, 309K, 309L, 316, 317K, 317L, 321
- > UTeach-Natural Sciences 306J, 306K, 306L, 306M
- > Science 365

University duplication rules prohibit some classes from counting together. Check the [UGS website](#) for more information.

## Natural Science and Technology, Part II

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Courses listed under Natural Science and Technology, Part I may be counted toward this requirement; the following courses may also be counted:

- > Computer Science 302, 303E, 312, 314H
- > Electrical and Computer Engineering 302, 302H
- > Engineering Studies 301

## Visual and Performing Arts

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One of the following courses:

- > African and African Diaspora Studies 311C, 356C, 356D, 356E
- > American Studies 330
- > Architecture 308, 312C, 318K, 318L, 342C
- > Art History 301, 302, 303, 325, 327N, 327R, 327S, 328J, 329J, 329N, 329R, 329T, 330G, 330J, 331J, 331K, 331P, 331S 332K, 332L, 333L, 335J, 337K, 338J, 338L, 338M, 338V, 339J, 339K, 339L, 339M, 339N, 339P, 339R, 341K, 341L, 342J, 345J, 346K, 346L, 347J, 347K, 347L, 347M, 347N, 348N
- > Arts and Entertainment Technologies 304, 336C
- > Classical Civilization 301, 302, 303, 307C, 307D
- > Core Texts and Ideas 350, 351
- > Design 308
- > English 310F, 310G, 310S, 321P, 379P
- > Fine Arts 308, 313C
- > Journalism 308S
- > Mexican American Studies 315
- > Music 302L, 303C, 303D, 303E, 303M, 303N, 306M, 307, 312C, 334
- > Philosophy 317K, 346K
- > Radio-Television-Film 306
- > Religious Studies 346M
- > Theatre and Dance 301, 307K, 308K, 309K, 317C, 317D

Total

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