

# General Education Requirements

## Core Curriculum

All students pursuing an undergraduate degree at the University must complete the 42-hour statewide Core Curriculum. The core component area requirements are consistent with statewide Core Curriculum guidelines; the area of the statewide core component area that each requirement meets is given in parentheses in the table below. A single course may not be counted toward more than one core component area.

Courses used to fulfill Core Curriculum requirements must be taken for a letter grade; the minimum acceptable grade is D-. Individual degree plans may not require a higher minimum standard for Core Curriculum courses in general. However individual degree plans may set a higher minimum grade standard for Core Curriculum courses that are also required in the major field or are required as prerequisites for courses in the major.

| Core Component Area                                          | Semester Credit Hours |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| First-Year Signature Course, Texas Core Code 090             | 3                     |
| Communication, Texas Core Code 010                           | 6                     |
| Humanities, Texas Core Code 040                              | 3                     |
| American and Texas Government, Texas Core Code 070           | 6                     |
| U.S. History, Texas Core Code 060                            | 6                     |
| Social and Behavioral Sciences, Texas Core Code 080          | 3                     |
| Mathematics, Texas Core Code 020                             | 3                     |
| Natural Science and Technology, Part I, Texas Core Code 030  | 6                     |
| Natural Science and Technology, Part II, Texas Core Code 093 | 3                     |
| Visual and Performing Arts, Texas Core Code 050              | 3                     |
| Total number of semester credit hours                        | 42                    |

For the complete list of courses approved to count for each core component area for all students at The University of Texas at Austin, see [General Information](#) or the Core Curriculum [website](#). See Signature Course's [website](#) for more information about those courses.

Students should consult the [Course Schedule](#) in order to see the Core Curriculum course offerings in any given semester.

## Completion of Core Component Area Requirements

State law requires that courses fulfilling a core component area (including the institutionally designated option) at one Texas public institution must transfer and substitute for the receiving institution's requirements. However, this only applies to courses taken prior to matriculation to The University of Texas at Austin. While a student holds degree-seeking status at the University, courses taken to fulfill core component area requirements must be chosen from The University of Texas at Austin's Core Curriculum course list published in the [General Information Catalog](#) for the current academic year, regardless of where they are taken. Students may petition to substitute transferred coursework for specific core component area requirements.

## Completion of the Core Curriculum at Texas Public Institutions

All students pursuing an undergraduate degree at the University must complete the 42-hour statewide Core Curriculum. Entering students are only considered Core Complete if they have submitted a transcript from an accredited Texas public institution of higher education that:

- indicates the student was awarded an academic associate's or bachelor's degree at that institution or
- marks the student Core Complete based on coursework completed prior to matriculation to The University of Texas at Austin.

Undergraduate degree-seeking students who do not meet the criteria above are considered Core Complete upon completion of coursework that satisfies all core component area requirements in their UT Austin degree audit.

## Students Previously Awarded Bachelor's Degrees at non-Texas or Private Institutions

Students pursuing an undergraduate degree who have submitted a transcript from an accredited private or out of state institution that indicates the student was awarded a bachelor's degree prior to matriculation to UT Austin are not required to complete additional coursework to complete the Core Curriculum and will be marked with a core status of "waived" in the UT Austin degree audit. However individual degree plans may require specified Core Curriculum courses in the major field or Core Curriculum courses that are required as prerequisites for courses in the major.

Core status of "waived" is used for UT Austin degree audit purposes only as it relates to undergraduate degree completion, does not appear on the UT Austin official transcript, nor does it transfer outside of UT Austin.

## Foreign Language

In addition to the Core Curriculum requirements above, undergraduates are expected to have completed two years in a single foreign language in high school. Students without at least two years of high school foreign language coursework in the same foreign language must earn credit for the beginning level proficiency course or sequence in a foreign language; this credit does not count toward the student's degree. For the description of beginning level proficiency in a specific foreign language, please see <https://liberalarts.utexas.edu/undergraduate-students/majors-minors/foreign-language-requirements.html>. Students should consult their advisors and the degree requirements listed in the colleges/schools sections of this catalog to determine whether additional foreign language requirements apply to them.