Degree Programs Available

**Bachelor of Arts** – BA degrees share the same structure with Liberal Arts degrees, providing a traditional “Arts & Sciences” experience.

**Bachelor of Science & Arts** – BSA degrees combine a science/mathematics major either with a 15 semester hour minor in a single field of study in colleges outside of Engineering, Geosciences, or Natural Sciences or with an 18-24 semester hour certificate.

**Bachelor of Science** – BS degrees are designed for specialists who want to concentrate up to 75% of their coursework in science and mathematics, including sub-field options in some programs.

The following major/degree combinations are offered, with multiple options in some BS plans (honors options generally are not available to transfer students):

- **Biochemistry** – BA, BSA, BS (option I-Biochemistry)
- **Biology** – BA, BSA, BS (options: I-Ecology, Evolution, & Behavior; II-Human Biology; III-Marine & Freshwater Science; IV-Microbiology & Infectious Diseases; V-Cell & Molecular Biology; VI-Neurobiology; VII-Plant Biology; VIII-Teaching; X-Computational Biology)
- **Environmental Science** – BS (option I-Biological Sciences)
- **Medical Laboratory Science** – BS
- **Neuroscience** – BSA, BS (option I-Neuroscience)
- **Public Health** – BS (options: I-Public Health, III-Advanced Program)

Prospective Natural Science transfer students are urged to become familiar with the College’s curricula and rules in the Undergraduate Catalog 2014–2016 at registrar.utexas.edu/catalogs/.

Transfer students from Texas community colleges are eligible to graduate under UT Austin catalog rules in effect during the time they attend the community college. Those declaring the 2014–2016 catalog must satisfy all degree requirements by the end of the summer session 2022, including at least sixty semester credit hours completed in residence at UT Austin.

Prospective students can monitor their degree progress and check degree applicability of transfer credit by using the “Planner” feature of UT’s Interactive Degree Audit (IDA) system at registrar.utexas.edu/students/degrees/ida/.

Recommended transfer courses are listed in Texas Common Course Numbering (TCCN) designations, a uniform system of field-of-study prefixes and four-digit numbers used by community colleges statewide. A course number’s first digit designates academic level (1 = freshman, 2 = sophomore) and the second digit specifies semester hour credit value.

Use of Transfer Credit Toward Degrees

The Office of Admissions evaluates courses from other institutions for comparability with UT Austin coursework, but the Dean’s Office in the College of Natural Sciences approves transfer credit for use in a degree program.

- Questions concerning degree/graduation requirements and degree applicability of transfer credit should be directed to the Transitional Advising Center, College of Natural Sciences, WCH 1.106, UT Austin, Austin TX 78712 (512/471-3796). Prospective student information is at www.cns.utexas.edu/students/future/.

- Questions concerning transfer admission and transfer credit evaluation should be directed to the Undergraduate Admissions Center, John Hargis Hall, P.O. Box 8058, UT Austin, Austin TX 78713-8058 (512/475-7387). Admission information and Transfer Guides for other UT programs are at admissions.utexas.edu/apply/transfer-admission/.

Special Notes

- College of Natural Sciences admission is competitive. Preference is given to applicants who:
  - select Natural Sciences as their first-choice major;
  - have transfer credit for at least one course from MATH 1342 or 2413 with a grade of B– or better; and
  - have transfer credit for at least two courses from BIOL 1406, BIOL 1407, CHEM 1311, CHEM 1312, COSC 1337, PHYS 2425, or PHYS 2426 with grades of B– or better.
  - Applicants with additional mathematics and science courses, as recommended in this Guide, are more competitive.

- Admission to the Environmental Science program requires completion of BIOL 1406, CHEM 1311, and MATH 2413 with grades in each of at least C– and GEOL 1403 with a grade of at least B–. Applicants must select Environmental Science as their first choice major. Admission to Environmental Science is available only in fall semesters.

- Core curriculum transfer credit from Austin Community College is guaranteed to apply toward UT core requirements, but degree plans may specify how to fulfill some core requirements. Recommendations in this Guide satisfy core requirements with courses normally prescribed by a student's major field of study at UT.

- Courses in which grades lower than C– are earned do not transfer. Grades from transfer credit are excluded from a student’s internal UT Austin grade point average computation.

- College Algebra (MATH 1314) does not count toward degree requirements in the College of Natural Sciences, but grades and credit in the course count toward transfer admission.

- Physical education activity courses do not count toward degree requirements in the College of Natural Sciences, but grades and credit count toward transfer admission.
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