



The School of Undergraduate Studies University of Texas at Austin

2009-2010 Transfer Guide for Austin Community College Students

Core Curriculum & Major Field of Study

The Texas Education Code §61.822 guarantees transfer of core curriculum coursework among public universities and community colleges, but degree plans may specify how some core requirements should be fulfilled. Where possible, students should select core curriculum courses that also satisfy requirements of a major field of study.

Students undecided on a major should make their decision as early as possible. Delay in taking major-specific coursework lengthens the time needed to earn a degree, and core courses taken without the focus provided by a major field of study may later need to be substituted with other core coursework prescribed by the major. This Guide recommends core courses applicable to any UT Austin degree regardless of major and identifies core curriculum areas in which suitable coursework depends upon the student's chosen major.

Prospective community college transfer **students who have chosen a major** should follow course recommendations in one of UT Austin's other Transfer Guides devoted to specific degree programs.

Fields of Study Available

UT Austin offers a comprehensive range of degree programs through twelve undergraduate divisions:

- School of Architecture
- Cockrell School of Engineering
- College of Natural Sciences
- McCombs School of Business
- College of Fine Arts
- School of Nursing
- College of Communication
- Jackson School of Geosciences
- College of Pharmacy
- College of Education
- College of Liberal Arts
- School of Social Work

Transfer students undecided on a major and with fewer than sixty semester hours of transfer credit may initially enroll in the **School of Undergraduate Studies**, which offers strategic advising to explore degree options. Students must declare a major in one of the academic divisions listed above by the time they accumulate sixty semester hours, including transfer credit.

Prospective transfer students are urged to become familiar with the University's curricula and rules in the *Undergraduate Catalog 2008-2010*, available at <http://registrar.utexas.edu/catalogs/>.

Students who transfer directly from a Texas community college may choose to graduate under UT Austin catalog rules in effect during the time they attended the community college; those declaring the 2008-2010 catalog must complete all degree requirements by the end of the summer session 2016 (2017 for the Bachelor of Architecture and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees). At least sixty semester credit hours must be completed at UT Austin to earn an undergraduate degree.

Prospective students can monitor their UT degree progress – even before transfer – and check degree applicability of Austin Community College courses by using the “Planner” function of UT's Interactive Degree Audit (IDA) system at <http://registrar.utexas.edu/students/degrees/ida/>.

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 School of Undergraduate Studies approves transfer credit for use in the core curriculum.

- Questions concerning **core curriculum requirements** and applicability of transfer credit should be directed to the School of Undergraduate Studies, FAC 406, UT Austin, Austin TX 78712 (512/475-7000). Curriculum advising information is available at <http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/>.
- Questions concerning **transfer admission** and transfer credit evaluation should be directed to the Office of Admissions, MAI 7, UT Austin, Austin TX 78712 (512/475-7387). Admission information and Transfer Guides for specific majors are available at <http://bealonghorn.utexas.edu/transfer/>.

Special Notes

- Course recommendations in this Guide are limited to the **forty-two hour core curriculum** and the foreign language basic education requirement. Major-specific recommendations are provided in UT Austin's other Transfer Guides.
- Twenty-one core semester hours in Communication, Humanities, and U.S. Government/History are **common to all UT degrees** and can be taken regardless of major. Six hours in Visual/Performing Arts and Social/Behavioral Science are **similar in many majors** and can be selected with a little care. But Mathematics and Natural Science requirements **vary widely among majors** and should be undertaken with specific degree objectives in mind.
- Transfer credit for the **First-Year Signature Course**, a UT Austin core curriculum requirement (component area 090) in Architecture, Business, Communication, Education, Geosciences, Liberal Arts, and Nursing, is not generally available. Students who transfer “core complete” from a Texas public community college are not required to enroll in a UT Signature Course.
- 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.

Courses Recommended for Transfer

Composition, Humanities, Government, History, and Foreign Language requirements are common to all degree plans. Undecided students should limit coursework to these areas until they have at least a general idea what their major will be.

English Composition (6 hours, core code 010)

ENGL 1301; and
one Substantial Writing Component/Writing Flag course chosen from ENGL 1302 or 2311.

Humanities (3 hours, core code 040)

One American, British, or world literature survey course chosen from ENGL 2322, 2323, 2327, 2328, 2332, 2333, or 2342.

U.S. History & Government (6 hours each, core codes 060 & 070)

History – two courses chosen from HIST/HIS 1301, 1302, 1643, 2301, 2327, 2328, 2341, and 2381.

Government – GOVT 2305 & 2306. (*Because A.C.C. and UT Austin organize the two-course legislative requirement sequence differently, it is strongly recommended that students take both courses at one institution.*)

Foreign Language (High school foreign language is a UT Basic Education requirement outside the core curriculum.)

The University requires all students to have completed two years of high school study in a single foreign language. Transfer students who do not meet this requirement are assessed a **foreign language deficiency**; removal of deficiencies is required for graduation. To remove a deficiency, credit for the second college-level course in a language (numbered 1512) is required. Credit used to remove a deficiency cannot be applied toward other degree requirements. Prospective students should complete coursework needed to satisfy a foreign language deficiency prior to transfer.

Visual/Performing Arts and Social/Behavioral Science requirements vary according to major. Before taking coursework in these areas, students should have a general idea what their major will be.

Visual & Performing Arts (3 hours, core code 050)

One course chosen from ARTS 1301, 1303, or 1304; DRAM 1310 or 2336; HUMA 1315; or MUSI 1306 or MUS 1773.

- *For Architecture or Interior Design:* students should defer enrollment in fine arts coursework until transferring to UT Austin.
- *For Engineering:* choose ARTS 1301, 1303, or 1304; DRAM 1310; or MUSI 1306.
- *In the College of Fine Arts:* two courses outside the student's major department are required, chosen from ARTS 1301, DRAM 1310, or MUSI 1306.
- *For Textiles & Apparel:* choose ARTS 1301 (for Retail Merchandising), 1304 (for Conservation), or 1316 (for Apparel Design).
- *For students pursuing Texas teacher certification:* choose ARTS 1301, DRAM 1310, or MUSI 1306.

Social & Behavioral Science (3 hours, core code 080)

One course chosen from ANTH 2351, ECON 2301 or 2302, GEOG 1303, PSYC 2301, or SOCI 1301 or 1306.

- PSYC 2301 is the most widely applicable course. It is required for Education, Interior Design, Nursing, and Social Work, and is recommended for students pursuing Texas teacher certification.
- One course chosen from ECON 2301 or 2302 is required for International Nutrition, Social Work, and Sport Management. Both ECON 2301 & 2302 are required for Actuarial Science, Business, and Textiles & Apparel (Retail Merchandising option).

Mathematics and Natural Science requirements vary significantly according to major. Before taking coursework in these areas, students should choose a major or have a very good idea what their major will be.

Mathematics (3 hours, core code 020)

One course chosen from MATH 1324, 1332, 1342, 1425, 2412, or 2413.

- *For Architecture, Business, Engineering, Geosciences, Natural Sciences, and Pharmacy:* choose MATH 2413.
- *For Communication:* Advertising and Public Relations students should defer enrollment in mathematics coursework until transferring to UT Austin.
- *For Education:* choose MATH 2412 or 2413 for Athletic Training and Applied Movement Science; choose MATH 2413 for Exercise Science.
- *For Liberal Arts:* choose MATH 2413 for Economics, Geography (BS), and Psychology (BS); choose MATH 1342 or 2413 for Urban Studies.
- *For Nursing:* choose MATH 1324, 1332, or 2412.
- *For Social Work:* choose MATH 1324, 1332, 1342, or 2412.

Natural Science (9 hours, 6 in one discipline and 3 in another; core codes 030 & 031)

Part I – a two-course sequence in one discipline, chosen from ASTR 1303+1304, 1403+1404, 1303+1404, or 1403+1304; BIOL 1406+1407, 1408+1409, or 2304+2305; CHEM 1311+1312; GEOL 1403+1404; or PHYS 1401+1402, 1405+1407, or 2425+2426.

Part II – a third course in a second discipline, chosen from those above and from ANTH 2301 or 2302; BIOL 1309, 1424, or 2306; CHEM 1305; GEOG 1301; or GEOL 1301, 1345, or 1445. MATH (excluding 1314 and credit used for the core mathematics requirement) is also applicable, but after credit in any calculus course is earned only courses for which calculus is a prerequisite can be counted.

- *For Architecture, Engineering, Engineering Route to Business, Geosciences, Geography (BS), Kinesiology, Natural Sciences, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Psychology (BS):* natural science coursework is prescribed by the major. Refer to other UT Austin Transfer Guides for recommended courses.