

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

The purpose of the General Education Core Curriculum is to provide UTPB graduates with basic intellectual competencies that are essential tools for learning in any discipline. Completion of the Core Curriculum will ensure that graduates are able to

- Write and speak clearly, effectively, and correctly in a style appropriate to the subject, occasion, and audience;
- Apply basic mathematical tools in the solution of real-world problems;
- Understand, construct, and evaluate relationships in the natural sciences and understand the bases for constructing and testing theories;
- Expand knowledge of the human condition and human cultures, especially in relationship to behaviors, ideas, and values expressed in works of human imagination and thought; and
- Have a practical and theoretical knowledge of human behavior, interactions, groups, institutions, events, and ideas.

The General Education Core Curriculum consists of 44 semester credit hours in the following categories

Composition/Written Communication	6 credits
History (United States)	6 credits
Literature	3 credits
Mathematics (College Algebra or above)	3 credits
Mathematics (Statistics or Math above College Algebra)	3 credits
Physical and Biological Sciences (any two courses with labs)	8 credits
Political Science (U.S., State of Texas and Local Government)	6 credits
Visual and Performing Arts	3 credits
Oral Communication (Speech)	3 credits
Social Science	3 credits

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED 44 credits

The table below lists current U. T. Permian Basin courses which satisfy the General Education Requirement for each of the ten categories of the Core Curriculum. Also listed are course numbers in the Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) which meet the requirements as transfer courses. The TCCNS is a statewide system for determining equivalency of courses at different institutions.

Some majors specify courses that should be selected to meet a General Education Requirement. Several majors require certain Math courses. Thus, students should refer to major requirements listed in this catalog before selecting General Education courses. In addition, most teacher certification programs have mathematics requirements different from or beyond the minimum mathematics general education requirements. Students seeking teacher certification should contact their certification advisor for specific math requirements. Though it is not considered part of the Core Curriculum, most majors also include coursework to insure computer literacy.

UTPB General Education Requirement	Code	SCH	UTPB Course Number Catalog	Level	Transferable Courses in the Texas Common Course Inventory
Composition and Written Communication	010	6	ENGL 1301 ENGL 1302	Lower level	ENGL 1301 ENGL 1302
History (U.S. History)	060	6	HIST 1301 HIST 1302	Lower level	HIST 1301 HIST 1302 or 2301
Literature	040	3	ENGL 2322,2323,2327,2328 UNIV 1301*	Lower level	ENGL 2322, 2323, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2331, 2332, 2333

Mathematics (College Algebra or above)	020	3	MATH 1314, 1324, 1325, 1332, 1333, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415	Lower Level	MATH 1314, 1316, 1324, 1325, 1332, 1333, 1350, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415
Mathematics: (Statistics or Math above College Algebra)	021	3	MATH 1324, 1325, 1332, 1333, 1350, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415 CRIM 3360, CHLD 3301, PSYC 3301, SOCI 3317	Lower Level Upper Level	MATH 1316, 1324, 1325, 1332, 1333, 1350, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415 PSYC 2317
Physical and Biological Sciences	030	8	BIOL 1306/1106, 1307/1107, 1308/1108, CHEM 1301/1103, 1311/1111, 1312/1112, GEOL 1301/1101, 1302/1102, PHYS 2325/2125, 2326/2126, 1301/1101, 1302/1102	Lower Level	BIOL 1306/1106, 1307/1107, 1406, 1407, 1408, 1409, 1413, 2401, 2402, CHEM 1311/1111, 1312/1112, 1411, 1412, GEOL 1403, 1404, PHYS 1301/1101, 1302/1102, 2325/2125, 2326/2126
Political Science (U.S., State of Texas and Local Government)	070	6	PLSC 2305, 2306 UNIV 2301*	Lower Level	GOVT 2301, 2302
Visual and Performing Arts Appreciation and/or History	050	3	ARTS 1301, DRAM 2301 MUSI 1306, 2310 UNIV 1302 * MUSI 3306, 3310	Lower Level Upper Level	ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304, 1311, 1312 DRAM 1310, 1351, 2361 MUSI 1306, 1311, 1370, 1371
Oral Communication	011	3	COMM 1315	Lower Level	SPCH 1311, 1315, 1321
Social Science	080	3	ECON 2301, 2302, GEOG 1302, PSYC 1301, SOCI 1301, LEAD 1301	Lower Level	ECON 2301, 2302, GEOG 1302, PSYC 2301, SOCI 1301, 1306
Total		44			

* UNIV courses are open to students in the Honors Program only.

Texas Common Core Curriculum

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has developed the Texas Common Core Curriculum. This 42 semester credit hour curriculum transfers freely from one Texas public institution of higher education to another. The U. T. Permian Basin general education requirements meet the Texas Common Core Curriculum requirements.

Students transferring to U. T. Permian Basin who have completed a 42 semester credit hour core at a Texas public college or university will receive a minimum of 42 semester credits for the core as transfer credits and will have met the University's general education requirements. In cases where the general education core being transferred to U. T. Permian Basin consists of 42 or 43 credits, the student may be required to take additional credits to meet the 44 credit requirement. Students should consult their advisors as to what might be required.

Students transferring to U. T. Permian Basin who have completed fewer than 42 semester credits from core courses at a Texas public college or university will receive credit toward the University's general education requirements for the credits taken. The student should consult with her/his advisor as to which elements of the general education requirements remain to be completed.

Business Field of Study

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has approved the Field of Study Curriculum for Business. The following Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) courses are fully transferable to The University of Texas of the Permian Basin to meet the Field of Study Requirements for Business: ECON 2301 and ECON 2302, MATH 1325, COSC (BCIS) 1305 or 1405, SPCH 1311 (with appropriate content only), SPCH 1315 or SPCH 1321 (preferred) and ACCT 2301 or ACCT 2401 and ACCT 2302 or ACCT 2402 only. The MATH and SPCH classes also meet General Education requirements.