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Dual Credit Core Complete

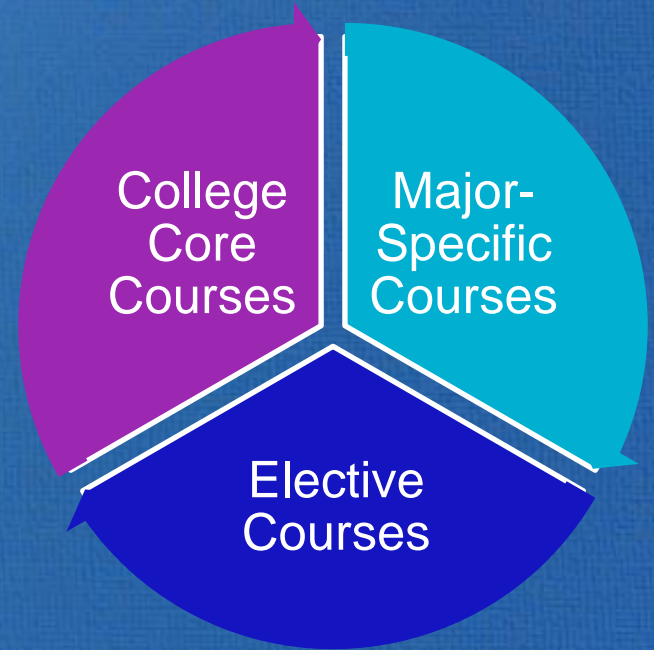
Objectives:

- 🎓 Identify components of “core complete” and benefits
- 🎓 Identify courses that make up core curriculum at LSC
- 🎓 Recommended course sequence for students to become core complete
- 🎓 Identify options for taking college courses to become core complete

What Does It Mean To Be Core Complete?

To receive a bachelor's degree from a public university, Texas law requires that students complete a core curriculum of 42 credit hours. Each college or university identifies which of its courses fit into the core curriculum.

- ❑ Bachelor degree programs consist of two components: core curricular coursework and coursework required for major area of study.



What Are The Benefits?

- ★ If you complete the core curriculum with grades of "C" or better and transfer, the entire core curriculum transfers and substitutes for the core curriculum you would have taken at your state college or university.
- ★ Many courses within the "core" also meet high school graduation requirements.
- ★ Students can complete coursework that also may be required for bachelor's degree programs.
- ★ Saves students/parents money on college tuition.
- ★ Significantly reduces the amount of time required to receive a bachelor's degree.

Estimated Cost Comparison

Estimated Cost of 42 College Hours (Tuition and fees only)	Dual Credit	Lone Star College	Sample University
	\$978	\$2732	\$15,908

What Subject Areas Make-Up The Core?

Although the courses included in the core curriculum may vary by institution, every Texas public institution of higher education must include the following foundational component areas and semester credit hours:

- Communication (6 hours)
- Mathematics (3 hours)
- Life and Physical Sciences (8 hours)
- Creative Arts (3 hours)
- Language, Philosophy, and Culture (3 hours)
- History (6 hours)
- Government (6 hours)
- Social/Behavioral Sciences (3 hours)
- Component Area Option (4 hours)

Core Complete Requirements For LSC

Communication – 6 hrs. (choose two)

- ENGL 1301 (English 4 A)
- SPCH 1311 (Comm. Apps)

Mathematics – 3 hrs. (choose one)

- MATH 1314 (College Alg)
- MATH 1316 (Pre Cal)
- MATH 1324 (Finite Math)
- MATH 1342 (Statistical Reasoning)
- MATH 2413 (AP Calculus)

Life and Physical Sciences – 8 hrs. (choose two)

- BIOL 1406 (AP Biology)
- BIOL 2401 (Anat & Physiology)
- CHEM 1405 (Intro. Chemistry)
- CHEM 1411 (AP Chemistry)
- ENVR 1401 (AP Envir Science)
- PHYS 1401 (AP Physics)

Creative Arts – 3 hrs. (choose one)

- ARTS 1301 (Art Appreciation)
- MUSI 1306 (Music Appreciation)
- DRAM 1310 (Theatre Arts)

Language, Philosophy, & Culture – 3 hrs. (choose one)

- HUMA 1302 (Humanities)
- Foreign Language 2311 or 2312
(Spanish, French, German)

History – 6 hrs. (choose two)

- HIST 1301 (US History A)
- HIST 1302 (US History B)

Government – 6 hrs. (choose two)


- GOVT 2305 (US Govt A)
- GOVT 2306 (US Govt B)

Social/Behavioral Science – 3 hrs. (choose one)

- ECON 2301 (Economics)
- PSYC 2301 (Psychology)

Component Area – 4 hrs. (choose two)

- ENGL 1302 – 3 hrs. (English 4 B)
- PHED 1164 – 1 hr. (PE Dual)

 Indicates a high school graduation requirement

Options for Taking College Level Course

- * Take courses at the high school campus that satisfy both the high school and college requirements
- * Take courses at the college that satisfy both the high school and college requirements
- * Take courses online that satisfy both the high school and college requirements
- * Take Advanced Placement courses and make a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP test then have the courses transcribed at LSC

Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I become core complete?

If you plan to receive a bachelor's degree from a public university, Texas law requires that you complete a core curriculum of 42 credit hours. Each college or university identifies which of its courses fit into the core curriculum.

If you complete the core curriculum with grades of "C" or better and transfer, the entire core curriculum transfers and substitutes for the core curriculum you would have taken at your state college or university. You may have to take additional course work if your transfer school has a larger core curriculum than the school you came from. If you complete only part of the core curriculum before you transfer, each course you completed should apply to the new school's core curriculum.

Please remember: In some bachelor's degree programs, students take requirements for the major as part of the core curriculum. If you know what you plan to major in, it's best to make a transfer plan so you won't have to take extra course work to satisfy your degree plan.

What is the best way to become core complete while in high school?

Take as many courses as possible that are in the college core curriculum and that also meet high school graduation requirements.

Can I finish the 42 hour core curriculum without taking college courses at night or in the summer?

This depends on how many of the core classes your high school offers as dual credit. At a minimum, a student may have to take 9 semester credit hours outside of the normal school day. Most students can finish the majority of the 42 hour core within the regular school program with a concerted effort and hard work.

How can I determine if a particular course will transfer to my public college or university of choice?

(Remember, that if you complete the entire core curriculum with grades of “C” or better, Texas law requires that the receiving institution substitute the completion of the core with their core requirements.)

Use the TCCNS website to determine if courses transfer to your chosen degree plan. The Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) is a voluntary, co-operative effort among 136 Texas community colleges and universities to facilitate transfer of freshman and sophomore level general academic coursework. TCCNS provides a shared, uniform set of course designations for students and their advisors to use in determining both course equivalency and degree applicability of transfer credit on a statewide basis. When students transfer between two participating TCCNS institutions, a course taken at the sending institution transfers as the course carrying the same TCCNS designation at the receiving institution.

The TCCNS website <https://www.tccns.org/> allows students to compare courses across the state for transfer.

Thanks!

Questions?

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