



## Become Core Complete While in High School (42 Semester Credit Hours)

Core Component Area	Courses Available in Area High Schools as Dual Credit	Additional Course options available as Dual Credit (evening, summer or online)	Additional Courses to be taken as College Credit Only (evening, summer or online)	Required SCH
Communication	ENGL 1301 (REQUIRED)	SPCH 1311 SPCH 1315 SPCH 1318 SPCH 1321		Choose 6 hours
History	HIST 1301 HIST 1302		HIST 2301	Choose 6 hours
Government	GOVT 2305 (REQUIRED)	GOVT 2306 (REQUIRED)		Choose 6 hours
Component Area	ENGL 1302	ENGL 2311	PHED 1164	Choose 4 hours
Creative Arts		MUSI 1306 MUSI 1308 – Removing MUSI 1309 – Removing MUSI 1310	ARTS 1301 ARTS 1303 ARTS 1304 ARTS 1311 – Proposed ARTS 1316 – Proposed DANC 2303 DRAM 1310 DRAM 2366 ENGL 2307– Proposed MUSI 1307– Proposed	Choose 3 hours
Language, Philosophy and Culture	HUMA 1301 Foreign Languages 2311 or 2312	HUMA 1302	HUMA 2319– Proposed PHIL 1301 PHIL 1304 PHIL 2306 PHIL 2307 PHIL 2316 PHIL 2317 PHIL 2318 PHIL 2321	Choose 3 hours
Mathematics	MATH 1314 MATH 1316 MATH 2412+ MATH 2413+	MATH 1324 MATH 1325 MATH 1332 MATH 1342 MATH 1350* MATH 2318	MATH 1351* – Proposed MATH 2414+ – Proposed MATH 2415+ – Proposed PHIL 2303– Proposed	Choose 3 hours
Social/Behavioral Sciences	PSYC 2301 SOVI 1301	ECON 2301 GEOG 1301 GEOG 1303 HIST 2321 HIST 2322	ANTH 2301 ANTH 2351 CRIJ 1301 CRIJ 1307 ECON 2302 GOVT 2311– Proposed HIST 2311 HIST 2312 SOVI 1306	Choose 3 hours
Life and Physical Sciences	BIOL 1406 BIOL 2401 CHEM 1411 ENVR 1401	BIOL 1408 BIOL 1407 or 1409 BIOL 2402 BIOL 2404 BIOL 2406 BIOL 2416 CHEM 1405 CHEM 1412 CHEM 1419 ENVR 1402 GEOL 1403 GEOL 1404 GEOL 1405 GEOL 1445 PHYS 1401 PHYS 1402 PHYS 1403 PHYS 1404 PHYS 1410 PHYS 2425 PHYS 2426	CHEM 1407– Proposed	Choose 8 hours
<b>Total = 42 Semester Credit Hours</b>				

**Highlighted Blue** – Proposed additions to core. **Highlighted Pink** – Proposed items to be deleted from core. **Decision - Feb. 2017.**

\*Specifically designed for elementary and middle school teachers.

+This course(s) satisfies the mathematics core requirement of three semester hours; however, the fourth hour is not a part of the transfer core curriculum and may be transferred as an elective hour.

## 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 AND whether or not your high school approves of other courses being used to satisfy high school graduation requirements. At a minimum, a student may have to take 11 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.

Helpful resources:

<http://www.theccb.state.tx.us/reports/pdf/6003.pdf>

<http://www.theccb.state.tx.us/index.cfm?objectid=417252EA-B240-62F7-9F6A1A125C83BE08>

<http://www.collegeforalltexas.com/index.cfm?objectid=cef9cb28-f7fd-de18-ba946b002556c85b>

**Advising Component Topics:** Texas Common Course Numbering Website, How to find degree plans, Fields of Study, and Utilizing college advising

Useful websites:

<http://www.mclennan.edu/dual-credit/videos>

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/college-101/tips-on-college-transferring-from-a-2-year-to-a-4-year-college>

<http://www.collegeforalltexas.com/apps/degreeprograms/>

<https://quizlet.com/682013/college-survival-vocabulary-flash-cards/>