

Core Curriculum

In the spirit of accomplishing Central Texas College's mission, the core curriculum experience will prepare you to learn effectively through your college years so that you carry these aptitudes for learning into your life careers. It is the goal of Central Texas College to graduate well-educated men and women who are articulate, interested in lifelong learning and capable of becoming creative citizens. The core curriculum design and implementation will also facilitate the transferability of lower division courses between Central Texas College and universities.

Associate of Arts Degree Requirements

Requirements for the Associate of Arts (AA) degrees

Core Area	Course Options	Semester Credit Hours
Communications (010) Speech (011)	ENGL 1301 and 1302 and 3 hours of Speech SPCH 1315, 1318, 1321.	6 3
Mathematics (020)	MATH 1316, 1325, 1350, 1351, 1414, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415.	3
Natural Science (030)	BIOL 1406, 1407, 1411, 1413, 2401, 2402, 2413, 2421, 2428. CHEM 1406, 1407, 1411, 1412, 2423, 2425. GEOL 1403, 1404, 1405. PHYS 1401, 1402, 1411, 1412, 1415, 2425, 2426. ENVR 1401. AGRI 1407, 1415, 1419.	8
Humanities (visual/performing arts) (050)	ARTS 1303, 1304, 1311, 1312, 1316, 1317, 2311, 2313, 2314, 2316, 2317, 2323, 2326, 2341, 2342, 2346, 2347, 2356, 2357, 2366. DRAM 1310, 1320, 1321, 1330, 1351, 1352, 2336, 2366. MUSI 1162, 1181, 1183, 1192, 1216, 1217, 1301, 1304, 1306, 1307, 1311, 1312, 2311, 2312.	3
(literature, philosophy, and cultural studies) (040)	ANTH 2301, 2302, 2346, 2351. ENGL 2322, 2323, 2327, 2328, 2332, 2333. SPCH 2341. HUMA 1315. PHIL 1301, 1304, 1316, 1317, 2303, 2306, 2307.	3
Social/Behavioral Sciences U.S. History (060) Political Science (070)	HIST 1301, 1302. GOVT 2301, 2302.	12
(other social/behavioral science) (080)	HIST 2301, 2311, 2312, 2381. GOVT 2304. PSYC 2301, 2308, 2314, 2315, 2316. SOCI 1301, 1306, 2301, 2319. ECON 2301, 2302. GEOG 1300, 1301, 1302, 1303. AGRI 2317.	3
Health, Wellness, Kinesiology (090)	PHED 1101-1104, 1106-1108, 1110, 1114-1116, 1118, 1120, 1123-1126, 1129-1131, 1133, 1136, 1138, 1140-1149, 1151-1153, 1158-1159, 2150, 2155.	1
Total Core Requirements		42
Computer Technology/Skills (CTS) (Must meet skills required for basic use of computers)	(Successfully completed course or competency challenge exam) BCIS 1405. COSC 1300. AGRI 1309.	
Transfer Course Selections Required	Transfer courses may vary depending on the major the student wishes to pursue. Courses must be university parallel. Texas common course numbered (TCCN) courses which will meet the bachelor degree requirements of the university to which the student plans to transfer. See individual curriculum plans for specific courses.	24
Total Semester Credit Hours		66

NOTE A course cannot count toward more than one requirement of the degree.

NOTE Students planning to attend a senior college should coordinate with that senior college to ensure that the courses they take at Central Texas College will fulfill degree requirements there.

The requirements for a CTC Associate of Arts degree are:

Complete Core	42 semester Credit Hours
Health/Wellness/Kinesiology selection (PHED Activity Courses).....	3 Semester Credit Hours
Computer Technology selection	3 Semester Credit Hours
Foreign Language selection (FREN, GERM, SPAN, JAPN)	8 Semester Credit Hours
Specialization selection - University Parallel, Texas Common Course (TCCN)	10 Semester Credit Hours
	Total 66 Semester Credit Hours

Additional Associate of Arts Degree Requirements

- A minimum of 25 percent of semester credit hours earned within the Central Texas College System
- All required courses in the major as listed in this Catalog.
- Satisfy:
 - A minimum overall grade point average of 2.0 (“C” average).
 - A minimum “C” on each course in the major.
 - A minimum of 2.0 “C” with Central Texas College.
- A minimum score on all sections of the THEA test or other state-approved TSI test unless TSI exempt or eligible for a waiver.
- Meeting all other Central Texas College and departmental requirements.

Associate of General Studies Degree

Students planning to attend a senior college should coordinate with that senior college to ensure that the courses they take at Central Texas College will fulfill degree requirements there. To receive an Associate of General Studies Degree students must complete a minimum of 64 semester hours which must include:

- Communications to include either:
 - ENGL 1301 and three semester hours of oral communications, or
 - ENGL 1312.
- Three semester hours of humanities or fine arts.
- Three semester hours of mathematics, MATH 1332, 1342 or higher level.
- HIST 1301 and 1302.
- GOVT 2301 and 2302.
- Three semester hours of computer instruction.
- Two semester hours of physical education from activity courses.
- A minimum of 25 percent of semester hour credits earned within the Central Texas College System.
- A minimum overall grade point average of 2.0 (“C” average), to include a minimum 2.0 “C” average on all courses taken with Central Texas College.
- Meeting all other Central Texas College and departmental requirements.
- In cases where freshman and/or sophomore degree requirements of the receiving college for a bachelor’s degree differ from those listed above, changes can be made in the Associate of General Studies Degree requirements when approved by the appropriate Department Chair.
- A minimum score on all sections of the THEA test or other state-approved TSI test unless TSI exempt or eligible for a waiver.

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Students must complete the specific degree requirements in the degree plan for their major field as shown in the program of study.

The associate of applied science general education component must constitute a minimum of 15 semester credit hours drawn from and include at least one course from each of the following three required areas: Humanities/Fine Arts; Social/Behavioral; and Natural Science/Mathematics. If a student takes ENGL 1312, the student must complete an additional 3 semester hours from one of the three required areas.

The degrees consist of a minimum of 64 semester hours and will include:

- Communications to include either:
 - ENGL 1301 and three semester hours of oral communications, or
 - ENGL 1312.
- Three semester hours of humanities or fine arts.
- Three semester hours of mathematics, MATH, as required by specific program.
- Three semester hours of social or behavioral science.
- Three semester hours of computer instruction or successful competency challenge exam.
- A minimum of 50 percent of semester credit hours of technical courses in the major or a closely related field.
- A minimum of 25 percent of semester hours credit earned within the Central Texas College System.
- All required courses in the major as listed in this Catalog.
- Satisfy:
 - A minimum overall grade point average 2.0 (“C” average).
 - A minimum “C” on each course in the major.
 - A minimum of 2.0 “C” with Central Texas College.
- A minimum score on all sections of the THEA test or other state-approved TSI test unless TSI exempt or eligible for a waiver.
- Meeting all other Central Texas College and departmental requirements.

Students may be required to repeat major courses in their field of study if graduation is not accomplished within five years after courses are completed.

Associate of Applied Science Degree of Applied Technology

To receive an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Applied Technology, students must complete a minimum of 64 semester hours which include:

- Communications to include either:
 - ENGL 1301 and three semester hours of oral communications, or
 - ENGL 1312.
- Three semester hours of humanities or fine arts.
- Three semester hours of mathematics, MATH 1314, MATH 1324, MATH 1332, MATH 1342, or higher.
- Three semester hours of social or behavioral science.
- Three semester hours of computer instruction.
- Two semester hours of physical education from activity courses.
- 44-47 semester hours of major area courses related to a specific MOS, Rating, or Job Specialty Code.
- A minimum of 25 percent of semester credit hours earned within Central Texas College.
- Satisfy:
 - A minimum overall grade point average 2.0 (“C” average).
 - A minimum “C” on each course in the major area specialization.
 - A minimum grade point average of 2.0 (“C” average) with Central Texas College.

The associate of applied science general education component must constitute a minimum of 15 semester credit hours drawn from and include at least one course from each of the following areas: Humanities/Fine Arts; Social/Behavioral; and Natural Science/Mathematics. If a student takes ENGL 1312, the student must complete an additional 3 semester hours from one of these areas.

Approved Electives

Approved electives are courses which, although not specifically related to the major, are designed to broaden the student's exposure to various disciplines considered supportive of the program's objectives.

Special Electives

Many programs of study have courses that can be used to satisfy Humanities/Fine Arts and Social/Behavioral Science elective requirements. Some courses can be used as either a Humanities/Fine Arts or Social/Behavioral Science elective. The special electives are listed below, and may be used in the Associate of Applied Science and Associate of General Studies degree programs. Refer to the appropriate Core Areas of the Core Curriculum preceding this section for specific courses. Courses taken at another college or university to satisfy special electives must be freshman/sophomore level.

Humanities/Fine Arts Selection

ANTH 2351 Cultural Anthropology
GEOG 1302 Cultural Geography
GEOG 1303 World Regional Geography
HIST 2311/2312 Western Civilization I/II
HIST 2381 African-American History
HUMA 1315 Fine Arts Appreciation
SPCH 2341 Oral Interpretation

Foreign Language Courses

Literature courses only (ENGL)

Music courses (MUSI)

Philosophy courses (PHIL)

Any course listed in the Humanities Core Area of the Core Curriculum

Social/Behavioral Science Selection

ANTH 2301 Physical Anthropology
ANTH 2351 Cultural Anthropology
CRIJ 1307 Crime in America
ECON 2301 Principles of Macroeconomics
ECON 2302 Principles of Microeconomics

Geography courses except GEOG 1302 and GEOG 1303

Government courses (GOVT)

History courses (HIST)

Psychology courses (PSYC)

Sociology courses (SOCL)

Any course listed in the Social/Behavioral Sciences Core Area of the Core Curriculum

Computer Technology/Skills Selection

Computer Science courses (IMED, INEW, ITNW, ITSC, ITSE, ITSW, ITSY)

Selected POFI courses

CPMT 1403 Introduction to Computer Technology
CPMT 1449 Computer Networking Technology
DFTG 1409 Basic Computer-Aided Drafting
HAMG 1319 Computers in Hospitality

Any course listed in the Computer Technology/Skills Core Area of the Core Curriculum

Associate of Arts Degrees

Business Administration (BUBA) 520101

Associate of Arts Degree

70 Semester Credit Hours

Complete Core	42 Semester Credit Hours
Health/Wellness/ Kinesiology (PHED Activity Courses).....	2 Semester Credit Hour
Computer Technology	4 Semester Credit Hours
Foreign Language (FREN, GERM, SPAN, JAPN) Not required by some schools see note below	8 Semester Credit Hours
Specialization -University Parallel, Texas Common Course (TCCN).....	12 Semester Credit Hours
ACCT 2301 Principles of Financial Accounting, ACCT 2302 Principles of Managerial Accounting, BUSI 1301 Business Principles, ECON 2301 Principles of Macroeconomics, ECON 2302 Principles of Microeconomics.	

* Note: See your CTC counselor or the Business Administration Department Chair for a suggested complete Business Administration Degree Plan designed for students seeking a Bachelor's Degree.

Interdisciplinary Studies (IDST) 240101

Associate of Arts Degree

66 Semester Credit Hours

Complete Core	42 Semester Credit Hours
Health/Wellness/ Kinesiology (PHED Activity Courses).....	3 Semester Credit Hours
Computer Technology	3 Semester Credit Hours
Foreign Language (FREN, GERM, SPAN, JAPN)	8 Semester Credit Hours
Specialization -University Parallel, Texas Common Course (TCCN).....	10 Semester Credit Hours

Modern Language (FLAN) 160101

Associate of Arts Degree

66 Semester Credit Hours

Complete Core	42 Semester Credit Hours
Health/Wellness/ Kinesiology (PHED Activity Courses).....	3 Semester Credit Hours
Computer Technology	3 Semester Credit Hours
Foreign Language (FREN, GERM, SPAN, JAPN)	8 Semester Credit Hours
Specialization -University Parallel, Texas Common Course (TCCN).....	10 Semester Credit Hours
LANG 1411 Beginning Foreign Language I, LANG 1412 Beginning Foreign Language II, LANG 2311 Intermediate Foreign Language, LANG 2312 Intermediate Foreign Language.	

Social Science (SOCL) 450101

Associate of Arts Degree

66 Semester Credit Hours

Complete Core	42 Semester Credit Hours
Health/Wellness/ Kinesiology (PHED Activity Courses).....	3 Semester Credit Hours
Computer Technology	3 Semester Credit Hours
Foreign Language (FREN, GERM, SPAN, JAPN)	8 Semester Credit Hours
Specialization -University Parallel, Texas Common Course (TCCN).....	10 Semester Credit Hours
ANTH, ECON, GEOG, GOVT, HIST, PSYC, SOCI.	

In cases where lower division degree requirements of the receiving institution for a bachelor's degree differ from those listed above, changes can be made in the Associate in Arts/Science degree requirements when approved by the appropriate Department Chair, Campus Dean, Dean of Student Developmental Services/Associate Dean of Guidance and Counseling, and/or receiving institution. It may be beneficial to complete additional course-work above the 66 semester credit hours with the appropriate approval.