

SHSU: Change the General Education Core Curriculum

Upon motion of Regent _____, seconded by Regent _____, it was ordered that:

Sam Houston State University be authorized to change the course requirements effective fall 2014 in the General Education Core Curriculum according to the Texas Education Code and the rules and regulations for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Explanation

In accordance with Texas Education Code, §§61.821 – 61.832, each institution of higher education that offers an undergraduate academic degree program shall design and implement a core curriculum, including specific courses composing the curriculum, of no less than 42 lower-division semester credit hours. Each institution of higher education that offers an undergraduate academic degree program shall develop its core curriculum by using the Coordinating Board-approved process, core objectives, and foundational component areas of the Texas Core Curriculum. Through the Texas Core Curriculum, students will gain a foundation of knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world, develop principles of personal and social responsibility for living in a diverse world, and advance intellectual and practical skills that are essential for all learning.

Specific courses composing the core curriculum effective fall 2014 at Sam Houston University are listed on the following page with the foundational component areas, the semester credit hours, the Texas Common Course Numbers, and the core component codes from the Texas Association of Registrars and Admission Officers.

Sam Houston State University Core Curriculum	
010 Communication [6 Credit Hours]	ENGL 1301, ENGL 1302
020 Mathematics [3-4 Credit hours]	MATH 1314, MATH 1316, MATH 1324, MATH 1332, MATH 1384, MATH 1410, MATH 1420, PHIL 2352
030 Life and Physical Sciences [8 Credit Hours]	BIOL 1401, BIOL 1408, BIOL 1411, BIOL 1413, BIOL 2401, BIOL 1436, CHEM 1406, CHEM 1407, CHEM 1411, CHEM 1412, GEOG 1401, GEOG 1436, GEOL 1403, GEOL 1405, GEOL 1404, GEOL 1436, PHYS 1404, PHYS 1403
040 Language, Philosophy, and Cultural Studies [3 credit hours]	ARAB 2311, ARAB 2312, ENGL 2332, ENGL 2333, FOLG 2311, FOLG 2312, FREN 2311, FREN 2312, GEOG 2355, GEOG 2356, GERM 2311, GERM 2312, HIST 2311, HIST 2312, HLTH 2383, MCOM 1330, MUSI 1379, PHIL 2306, PHIL 2361, SGNL 2311, SGNL 2312, SOCI 2319, SPAN 2311, SPAN 2312
050 Creative Arts [3 credit hours]	AGRI 2399, ARTS 1301, ARTS 1302, ARTS 1303, FACS 1360, FAMC 2301, MUSI 1301, MUSI 1306, MUSI 2348, MUSI 2364, THEA 1364
060 American History [6 credit hours]	HIST 1301, HIST 1302
070 Government/Political Science [6 credit hours]	POLS 2305, POLS 2306
080 Social and Behavioral Sciences [3 credit hours]	AGRI 2360, BESL 2301, COMS 2386, CRIJ 2361, ECON 2300, ECON 2301, ECON 2302, GEOG 1321, PHIL 2303, PSYC 1301, SOCI 1301, SOCI 1306
Component Area Option [3 credit hours]	BUAD 2321 , COMS 1361 , COMS 2382 , MCOM 1371, Any additional 3-hour class from Language/Philosophy/Culture Studies Component
1 Credit Hour if needed to complete 42 hours	ECON 1100, KINE 2115, NGLI 1101
42 total credit hours	