

ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS



SERVICES TO HELP YOUR STUDENT BE
SUCCESSFUL

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UNDERSTANDING ACADEMIC TERMINOLOGY

Degree	The culmination of coursework completed and requirements met.
Major	The main field of study.
Minor	The secondary field of study. Not all degrees require a minor.
Concentration	A particular field of study within a major. Not all degrees have an option for a concentration.
Core Curriculum	The coursework every student must complete to graduate regardless of major. Covers a broad set of info for a well-rounded education.
Credits/Hours	Earned after completing courses; estimated time spent per week in class. Enrollment status (full-time or part-time) is based on semester credit hours.



Students should visit an academic advisor with questions about academic terms that are unclear.

COMMON ACADEMIC QUESTIONS

What is the General Education Core?

- Common Foundational Courses
- 42 semester credit hours

What is the average class size at Texas State?

- Class size ranges from 17 – 380
- Most common class size is 50 – 60
- Additional help present in large lectures

Can I see my student's syllabus?

- Public Access to Course Info (HB 2504)



More academic questions



What is Canvas?

- Collaborative Learning Environment used by faculty to house course materials, grades, attendance, and more.
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Are there attendance policies?

- Yes and no. Attendance policies will vary by faculty, course, or department
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How do I access my student's grades?

- Family Portal
- Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Admission type vs classification

Admission Type

First Year Student	Enters Texas State immediately following high school
Transfer	Transfers to Texas State from another institution
Continuing	Attends Texas State last semester and continues to attend this semester
Returning	Returns to Texas State after taking at least one semester away

Classification

Freshman	0-29 credit hours complete
Sophomore	30-59 credit hours complete
Junior	60-89 credit hours complete
Senior	90+ credit hours complete

Who are my student's academic partners?



Academic services

Academic Advising

Provides advice for course selection, major exploration, and connecting to appropriate services.

Peer Mentoring

Assists with adjusting to campus life, connecting to resources, and getting involved.

First Gen Initiatives

Supports students who are first in their family to attend college. Initiatives include monthly newsletters, help finding experiential learning opportunities to navigate the higher education system, talking with faculty, and finding a community of others who are First Gen Proud.



ACADEMIC SERVICES

Testing, Evaluation & Measurement Center

Academic testing services for all Bobcats (CLEP, TSIA, TExES, and more!) and accommodated testing for students with disabilities. See NSO schedule for presentation or testing opportunities.

Office of Disability Services

Provides accommodations such as extended test time, note taking assistance, sign language interpreters, assistive technology, texts in alternative formats, and early registration for classes. Learn more about the registration process using the QR code on the right.



Academic Services

■ Student Learning Assistance Center (SLAC)

- SLAC Learning Lab
- Supplemental Instruction (SI)
- Success Coaching
- Online Writing Lab (OWL)
- Veteran Academic Success Center (VASC)

■ University Writing Center

- Appointment based one-on-one tutoring for any type of writing project
- In-person or Zoom consultations



Academic Services

■ Collaborative Learning Center

- Computer lab and tutoring center open to students in the College of Science & Engineering or who are taking a STEM course

■ Math CATS

- Drop-in Math tutoring; one-on-one, small-group, and computer-based resources
- Open computer lab

■ Student Support Services

- Tutoring, workshops for college success, peer pals, cultural enrichment activities, and graduate and professional school preparation
- Participants must qualify by being either first generation, having demonstrated financial need, or having a documented learning or physical disability.

A few more

Physics, Biology, and Chemistry Study Centers

Sociology Department Tutoring Lab

University Libraries

World Languages & Literatures Tutors


Athletic Academic Center

- Individual and group study and tutoring
- Monitoring of eligibility and degree completion for student athletes




You can help your bobcat by:

Understanding the growth potential of your student by reminding them of their strengths and potential.




Respecting and supporting their need to dedicate time to their academic work.



Reminding them of resources and services to visit.



Celebrating their successes and supporting their efforts in pursuing a college degree.



Encouraging self-advocacy development early and often.

THANK YOU FOR COMING!

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