

Transfer Planning Guide 2023-2024

Major in Biology (Secondary Education; Teacher Certification in Life Science,

Grades Seven through Twelve, with Double Major in B.S. Education)

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

Texas Education Code Section 61.822 requires that Texas public institutions facilitate the transferability of lower-division course credit through the [Core Curriculum](http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/general-education-core-curriculum/). The Core Curriculum contains nine Foundational Component Areas (42 hours), which every Texas State student must satisfy to graduate. Students will receive core credit at Texas State for any course successfully completed in the Core Curriculum of the sending institution.

Texas State is a participant in the Texas Common Course Numbering System ([TCCNS](https://www.tccns.org/)). Use the TCCNS to find courses you can take at your institution to ensure transfer of credit toward freshman- and sophomore- level degree requirements at Texas State.

**RECOMMENDED CORE CURRICULUM CHOICES**

Core curriculum transfer credit from Texas community colleges is guaranteed to apply toward the Texas State University core, but degree plans may specify how to fulfill some core requirements. Recommendations in this section satisfy core requirements with courses normally prescribed by this degree plan at Texas State.

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| **Core Curriculum Component** | **TCCN** | **TEXAS STATE** |
| 010 - Communication | ENGL 1301 and any 010 course | ENG 1310 and any 010 course |
| 020 - Mathematics | MATH 2313 or MATH 2413 | MATH 2321 or MATH 2471 |
| 030 - Life and Physical Sciences | BIOL 1306 and BIOL 1307 (\*labs required) | BIO 1330 and BIO 1331 (labs required\*) |
| 040 - Language, Philosophy & Culture | PHIL 1301 or PHIL 2306 | PHIL 1305 or PHIL 1320 |
| 050 - Creative Arts | Any 050 course | Any 050 course |
| 060 - American History | Any two 060 courses | Any two 060 courses |
| 070 - Government/Political Science | GOVT 2306 and GOVT 2305 | POSI 2310 and POSI 2320 |
| 080 - Social and Behavioral Sciences | Any 080 course | Any 080 course |
| 090 - Component Area Option | SPCH 1311, 1315, or 1318  and any 090 course | COMM 1310, 2338, or 2315  and any 090 course |

**ADDITIONAL LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS**

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| **TCCN** | **TEXAS STATE** |
| \*BIOL 1106 (lab) or 1406 (lecture & lab) | \*BIO 1130 (lab) |
| \*BIOL 1107 (lab) or 1407 (lecture & lab) | \*BIO 1131 (lab) |
| BIOL 2416 | BIO 2450 |
| CHEM 1311 & 1111 or 1411 | CHEM 1341 & 1141 |
| CHEM 1312 & 1112 or 1412 | CHEM 1342 & 1142 |
| EDUC 1301 | CI 2310 |
| EDUC 2301 | CI ELNA (approved substitution for SPED 4344) |
| MATH 1342 or 2414 | MATH 2328 or 2472 |
| Choose 4 hours from the following:  PHYS 1301 & 1101 (lecture & lab) or PHYS 2425 | Choose 4 hours from the following:  PHYS 1315 & 1115 (lecture & lab) or PHYS 1430 |

**ADMITTANCE TO THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM:**

The Teacher Certification program at Texas State requires that students earn grades of “C” or higher in the core 010, 040, MATH 2321 or 2471, and two courses from: HIST 1310, HIST 1320, POSI 2310, POSI 2320. Additionally, the Teacher Certification program requires a grade of “B” or higher in COMM 1310 or COMM 2338 or COMM 2315.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:**

In order to graduate from Texas State University with a BS in Biology with Teacher Certification, students must achieve all the following:

1. Admittance to the Educator Preparation Program
2. A minimum 2.5 Major GPA
3. A minimum 2.75 Overall GPA
4. A minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA in all Biology, Chemistry, Math and Physics courses

**UNIVERSITY ADMISSION:**

1. Submit a completed [application](https://www.admissions.txstate.edu/apply/), all supporting documents, including an official high school transcript and transcript(s) from every institution attended and application fee, to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions by the stated [priority date](http://www.admissions.txstate.edu/future/application-dates.html).
2. Students with **1-14 transferable hours** must have a minimum 2.0 GPA in all transferable course work and meet [freshman admission](http://www.admissions.txstate.edu/future/freshman/admissions-requirements/) [standards](http://www.admissions.txstate.edu/future/freshman/admissions-requirements/). Students with **15-29 transferable hours** must have a minimum 2.5 GPA in all transferable course work. Students with **30 or more transferable hours** must have a minimum 2.25 GPA in all transferable course work. All students must be eligible to return to all previous institutions and be at least one full semester out of high school.

Students transferring to Texas State from a community college may elect to follow the [Texas State Undergraduate Catalog](http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/) that was in effect at the time they enrolled at their community college. Students may also, with the approval of their College Dean, follow a subsequent catalog. Students are reminded to refer to their designated catalog for information related to University requirements for curriculum, graduation, probation/suspension, and other general information.

In accordance with rule [§4.25 of the Texas Administrative code](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac%24ext.TacPage/?sl=R&app=9&p_dir&p_rloc&p_tloc&p_ploc&pg=1&p_tac&ti=19&pt=1&ch=4&rl=25), Texas State will apply to a degree up to 72 semester credit hours from an accredited junior/community college. At the time of transfer, all transferable work attempted at a junior/community college will be recorded on the official transcript. If the number of hours transferred from a junior college exceeds 72, the student’s chair or director will recommend to the college dean how the student will satisfy degree requirements. For more details, see the [Undergraduate Admissions](http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/general-information/admissions/) section of the Texas State undergraduate catalog.

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