

Transfer Planning Guide 2024-2025

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 and public universities are guaranteed to apply toward the Texas State University core. However, degree plans may specify how to fulfill some core requirements. The 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 | Any two 010 courses | Any two 010 courses |
| 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 strongly preferred, but any 040 will be accepted)  | 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 | Any two 070 courses | Any two 070 courses |
| 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 BIOL 1406 (lecture & lab) | \*BIO 1130 |
| \*BIOL 1107 (lab) or BIOL 1407 (lecture & lab) | \*BIO 1131 |
| BIOL 2416 (or BIOL 2316 & 2116; must include lab) | BIO 2450 |
| CHEM 1311 & 1111 (lab required) or CHEM 1411 (lecture & lab) | CHEM 1341 & 1141  |
| CHEM 1312 & 1112 (lab required) or CHEM 1412 (lecture & lab) | 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 (or PHYS 1401) or PHYS 2325 & 2125 | Choose 4 hours from the following: PHYS 1315 & 1115 or PHYS 2325 & 2125 |

**ADMITTANCE TO THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM:**

Teacher Certification program at Texas State requires that students earn grades of “C” or higher in the core 010, 040, 020, and two courses from 060 and 070. Additionally, Teacher Certification programs require a grade of “B” or higher in COMM 1310 or COMM 2338 or COMM 2315. If a student earns a "C" or "CR" by examination in COMM they must schedule an interview with the Office of Educator Preparation to determine if the grade is acceptable for Admittance.

**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 2.50 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 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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