Bachelor of Science & Arts (BSA) – combines a science/mathematics major with either 15 hours in a single non-STEM field of study, a transcript-recognized minor in a non-STEM field of study, or a transcript-recognized certificate.

Bachelor of Science (BS) – designed for specialists who want to concentrate up to 75% of their coursework in science and mathematics, including sub-field options in some programs.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) – shares the same structure with Liberal Arts degrees, providing a traditional “Arts & Sciences” experience.

The following major/degree combinations are available (honors options generally are not open to transfer students):

- **Biochemistry** – BSA, BS (option I-Biochemistry);
- **Biology** – BSA, BS (options: I-Ecology, Evolution, & Behavior; II-Human Biology; III-Marine & Freshwater Science; IV-Microbiology & Infectious Diseases; V-Cell & Molecular Biology; VII-Plant Biology; VIII-Teaching; X-Computational Biology; XI-Biology; XII-Genetics & Genomics);
- **Chemistry** – BSA, BS (options: I-Chemistry, II-Computation, III-Teaching), BA;
- **Environmental Science** – BS (option I-Biological Science track);
- **Neuroscience** – BSA, BS (option III-Neuroscience).

Prospective Natural Science transfer students are urged to become familiar with the College’s curricula and rules in the Undergraduate Catalog 2018–2020 at registrar.utexas.edu/catalogs/.

Transfer students from Texas community colleges are eligible to graduate under UT Austin catalog rules in effect during the time they attend the community college. Those declaring the 2018–2020 catalog must satisfy all degree requirements by the end of the summer session 2026, including at least sixty semester credit hours completed in residence at UT Austin. Prospective students can monitor their UT degree progress and check degree applicability of transfer credit by using the “Planner” feature of UT’s Interactive Degree Audit (IDA) system at registrar.utexas.edu/students/degrees/ida/.

**Use of Transfer Credit Toward Degrees**

The Office of Admissions evaluates courses from other institutions for comparability with UT Austin coursework, but the Dean’s Office in the College of Natural Sciences approves transfer credit for use in a degree program.

- Questions concerning **evaluation** of transfer credit should be directed to Office of Admissions (see admissions.utexas.edu/contact/).
- Questions concerning **degree applicability** of transfer credit should be directed to the Center for First-Year Advising (see cns.utexas.edu/advising/first-year/).

**Special Notes**

- **Core curriculum** transfer credit from Texas community colleges is guaranteed to apply toward the UT Austin core, but degree plans may specify how to fulfill some core requirements. Recommendations in this Guide satisfy core requirements with courses normally prescribed by a student’s major field of study at UT.
- Recommended courses do not include **Skills & Experience Flag** requirements, which are intended to be satisfied by courses taken in residence at UT Austin (see ugs.utexas.edu/flags/students/).
- **Courses in which grades lower than C–** are earned do not transfer. Grades from transfer credit are excluded from a student’s internal UT Austin grade point average computation.
- **College Algebra** (MATH 1314 or 1414) does not count toward degree requirements in the College of Natural Sciences, but grades and credit in the course count toward external transfer admission.
- **Physical education activity** courses do not count toward degree requirements in the College of Natural Sciences, but grades and credit count toward external transfer admission.
Courses Recommended for Transfer

Listed in Texas Common Course Numbers, a uniform system of field-of-study prefixes and four-digit numbers used by community colleges statewide. A course number’s first digit indicates academic level (1 = freshman, 2 = sophomore) and the second digit specifies semester hour credit value.

Writing / Humanities
(core 010 & 040)

English Composition & first (core) Writing Flag – ENGL 1301+1302.

Literature – one American, British, or world literature survey chosen from ENGL 2321, 2322, 2323, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2331, 2332, or 2333.

Foreign Language

Intermediate proficiency – courses in a single language numbered 1411+1412+2311+2312 (or SGNL 1401+1402+2301+2302) for all BA degrees.

Beginning proficiency – courses in a single language numbered 1411+1412 (or SGNL 1401+1402) for Chemistry BS options I, II; Environmental Science BS option I.

University Basic Education Requirement – in a single language, either two years of prior high school credit (documented by an official high school transcript submitted to the Office of Admissions) or college-level courses numbered 1411+1412 (or SGNL 1401+1402) for all BSA degrees; Biochemistry BS option I; Biology BS (all options); Chemistry BS option III; Neuroscience BS option III.

History / Government
(core 060 & 070)

United States History – two courses chosen from HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2327, and 2381.

Federal & Texas Government – GOVT 2305+2306.

Social & Behavioral Science
(includes core 080)

For Environmental Science: ECON 2302.

For all other degrees & options: one course chosen from ANTH 2351; ECON 2301 or 2302; GEOG 1302; PSYC 2301* or 2306; SOCI 1301, 1306, or 2301; or TECA 1303. (*Preferred for teacher certification candidates.)

Mathematics
(includes core 020)

Course credit varies among community colleges; the 2nd digit of numbers listed here may be 3 or 4.

For Biochemistry: MATH 2413+2414 in the BSA; MATH 2413+2414+2415 in the BS.

For Biology: MATH 2413+2414.

For Chemistry: MATH 2413+2414 in the BSA; MATH 2413+2414+2415 in the BS and BA.

For Environmental Science: MATH 2413+2414.

For Neuroscience: MATH 2413+2414.

Science & Technology
(includes core 030 & 093)

Only majors-level science courses are countable toward College of Natural Sciences requirements.

Community colleges may number lecture & lab credit separately, for example CHEM 1411 can be offered as 1311+1111.

For Biochemistry:

BIOL 1406+1407,
CHEM 1411+1412,
CHEM 2423, and
PHYS 2425+2426.

For Biology:

BIOL 1406+1407,
CHEM 1411+1412, and
PHYS 1401 or 2425 in all degrees & options.
Add PHYS 1402 or 2426 in the BS.

For Chemistry:

CHEM 1411+1412+2423+2425, and
PHYS 2425+2426.

For Environmental Science:

BIOL 1406+1407,
CHEM 1411+1412,
GEOL 1403, and
PHYS 2425.

For Neuroscience:

BIOL 1406+1407,
CHEM 1411+1412, and
PHYS 2425+2426.

Visual & Performing Arts
(core 050)

One course chosen from ARCH 1301, 1302, or 1311; ARTS 1301, 1303, or 1304; COMM 1307 or 2366; DRAM 1310, 2361, 2362, or 2366; or MUSI 1306 or 1310.

This Guide is based on degree requirements published in the Undergraduate Catalog 2018–2020. UT Austin is not responsible if a community college assigns a TCCN designation to a course substantially different than described in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s Lower-Division Academic Course Guide Manual. Produced by the Office of Admissions in consultation with the Dean’s Office of the College of Natural Sciences. Effective 28 August 2019.