Degree Programs Available

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.

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

- **Human Development & Family Sciences** – BSA, BS (options: I-Early Childhood, II-Human Development, III-Families & Personal Relationships, IV-Families & Society);
- **Human Ecology** – BSA;
- **Medical Laboratory Science** – BS;
- **Nutrition** – BSA, BS (options: I-Dietetics, II-Nutritional Sciences, III-Nutrition & Public Health, VI-International Nutrition);
- **Public Health** – BS (options: I-Public Health, III-Advanced Program);

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/id/.

External Transfer Admission in Natural Sciences

- Admission is selective in the College of Natural Sciences and varies each year based on the applicant pool. Meeting the following criteria does not guarantee admission, but to be competitive applicants should:
  - select a Natural Sciences major as their first-choice major;
  - have at least 30 transferable semester hours completed (or in progress to complete) when submitting the application;
  - have a GPA of at least 3.00 in mathematics and science courses (a higher GPA usually is necessary to be competitive);
  - have transfer credit for at least one course from MATH 1342, 1442, 2313, or 2413 with a grade of at least B– and have transfer credit with grades of at least B– for at least two majors-level science courses from BIOL 1306, 1307, 1406, 1407; CHEM 1311, 1312, 1411, 1412; PHYS 2325, 2326, 2425, 2426. COSC 1337 or 1437 are also countable, but only when they transfer as C S 312 or 412 credit (use UT Austin’s ATE System to determine transferability). Applicants with additional mathematics and science courses, as recommended in this Guide, are more competitive.
  - Undeclared major status is not open to external transfer applicants.
  - For more College of Natural Sciences admission information see cns.utexas.edu/students/future/external-transfer/.

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

Beginning proficiency – courses in a single language numbered 1411+1412 (or SGNL 1401+1402) for Medical Laboratory Science; Nutrition BS option VI; Public Health BS options I, III.

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; Nutrition BS options I, II, III; Textiles & Apparel BS options I, II.

History / Government
(core 090 & 070)

United States History – two courses chosen from HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2327, 2328, and 2381.

Federal & Texas Government – GOVT 2305+2306.

Social & Behavioral Science
(includes core 080)

For Human Development & Family Sciences BS options I, II, III, IV: PSYC 2301 and one course chosen from ANTH 2351; ECON 2301 or 2302; PSYC 2316 or 2319; or SOCI 1301, 1306, 2301, or 2326.

For Nutrition BS option I: one course chosen from ANTH 2351, ECON 2301 or 2302, PSYC 2301, or SOCI 1301.

For Nutrition BS option II: two courses chosen from ANTH 2351, ECON 2301 or 2002, PSYC 2301, or SOCI 1301.

For Nutrition BS option VI: ECON 2301 or 2302 and one course chosen from ANTH 2351, PSYC 2301, or SOCI 1301.

For Public Health BS options I, II, III: one course chosen from ECON 2301, ECON 2302, or PSYC 2301.

For Textiles & Apparel BS option II: 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)

For Human Development & Family Sciences: MATH 2313 or 2413.

For Human Ecology: MATH 2313 or 2413.

For Medical Laboratory Science: MATH 2313 or 2413.

For Nutrition: MATH 2313 or 2413.

For Public Health: MATH 2313 or 2413.

For Textiles & Apparel: MATH 2313 or 2413 and a statistics course chosen from MATH 1342 or 1442.

Science & Technology
(includes core 030 & 033)

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 Human Development & Family Sciences: BIOL 1406, CHEM 1411, and either BIOL 1407 or CHEM 1412. In the BS degree add a fourth course chosen from BIOL 1407, CHEM 1412, CHEM 2423, COSC 1337* or 1437*, GEOL 1403, PHYS 1401, or PHYS 2425. (*COSC 1337 or 1437 is recommended only when transferred as CS 312 or 412; use UT Austin’s ATE System to determine transferability.)

For Human Ecology: BIOL 1406, CHEM 1411, and either BIOL 1407 or CHEM 1412.

For Medical Laboratory Science: BIOL 1406+1407 and CHEM 1411+1412+2423+2425.

For Nutrition BS option II: BIOL 1406+1407, CHEM 1411+1412+2423+2425, and either PHYS 1401 or 2425.

For Nutrition, all other degrees & options: BIOL 1406 and CHEM 1411+1412+2423.

For Public Health: BIOL 1406+1407 and CHEM 1411+1412+2423.

For Textiles & Apparel: BIOL 1406 and CHEM 1411+1412.

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.

Additional Coursework

For Human Development & Family Sciences BSA: TECA 1303 and TECA 1354.

For Human Development & Family Sciences BS options I, II, III, IV: BIOL 1322 or HECO 1322, TECA 1303, and TECA 1354.

For Human Ecology: BIOL 1322 or HECO 1322, and one course chosen from TECA 1303 or TECA 1354.

For Nutrition BS option I: ACCT 2301 or 2401.

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