

TRANSFER ARTICULATION: BIOLOGY

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Most institutions offer a General Biology I and General Biology II series as freshman course. At SHSU, the general biology sequence is broken into three courses, Botany (BIO 1411), Zoology (BIO 1413), and Introductory Cell Biology (BIO 2440). Incoming transfer students who have taken a General Biology I and II series will obtain credit for Botany and Zoology and so must begin at SHSU with the Introductory Cell Biology course, which is offered every semester, including summer II.

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in Biology requires students to meet the foreign language requirements (4 courses in the same language).

Forensic Science and Biology

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Transfer students seeking the Bachelor of Science with a Biology major and with a Forensics emphasis should consider a minor in Chemistry and/or Criminal Justice. The required first two years of core courses for the Forensics emphasis are the same as the above listed courses for the major in Biology major. The emphasis in Forensics is accomplished by selecting from appropriate upper division courses (junior and senior level).

- A maximum of 66 transfer credit hours ("C" or better excluding kinesiology) may be applied to a degree at SHSU. Students should carefully select courses to complete the associate degree while minimizing the number of hours that might exceed the 66-hour cap for transfer credit
- **In addition to the major core above transfer students should complete all or as much as possible of the state mandated 42-hour core curriculum** including: Communications; Mathematics; Life & Physical Science; Language, Philosophy and Culture; Social and Behavioral Science; and Component Area Option if available. **Use your institutions 42-hour core as a guide maximizing courses in the above major core which are included in your institutions state mandated core.**

The Core Curriculum (<http://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2020-2021/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/>) at Sam Houston State University (to be used by all incoming students as of fall 2014) contains 42 semester credit hours, encompassing nine component areas. Each component area has a minimum credit hour requirement and a selection of specific courses that may be used to satisfy the requirement. The Core Curriculum (<http://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2020-2021/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/>) details Sam Houston State University courses and their Texas Common Course Number (TCCN) equivalents for college transfer students which comprise SHSU's core curriculum.

Many SHSU disciplines including the sciences, business, and education require specific courses from the SHSU core as degree specific graduation requirements. To minimize cost and time to complete degree requirements always select SHSU/transfer core courses specified as degree requirements in your intended major. If you have not decided on a major, select core courses supporting your intended area of academic concentration.

Prior to enrolling in core classes, students are encouraged to review specific degree requirements for their major. Selection of major-specified core courses reduces the total number of hours required for graduation.

If you do not see a Texas Common Course Number (TCCN) mapping a specific core course to your transfer institution, please go to Transfer Course Equivalency Guide (<https://ww2.shsu.edu/regr27wp/>) and select your institution from the drop-down menu. The result will list all currently mapped transfer courses from your institution to SHSU courses.