

CORE CURRICULUM

The Core Curriculum at Sam Houston State University contains 42 semester credit hours, encompassing nine component areas. Each component area has a minimum credit hour requirement and a set of specific courses that may be used to satisfy the requirement. The chart below details the Sam Houston State University courses and their Texas Common Course Number (TCCN) equivalents that comprise SHSU's core curriculum.

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Component Area I: Communications

Course Number	TCCN (if applicable)
Component Area I: Communications	6 Hours Required
ENGL 1301	ENGL 1301
ENGL 1302	ENGL 1302

Component Area II: Mathematics

Course Number	TCCN (if applicable)
Component Area II: Mathematics	3 Hours Required
MATH 1314	MATH 1314
MATH 1316	MATH 1316
MATH 1324	MATH 1324
MATH 1332	MATH 1332
MATH 1342	
MATH 1384	MATH 1350
MATH 1410	MATH 2412
MATH 1420	MATH 2413
PHIL 2352 ¹	

¹ Students with a documented learning disability and Department of Mathematics approval may use PHIL 2352 (Introduction to Contemporary Logic) to satisfy Component Area II: Mathematics.

Component Area III: Life and Physical Science

Course Number	TCCN (if applicable)
Component Area III: Life and Physical Science	8 Hours Required
BIOL 1401	ENVR 1401
BIOL 1408	BIOL 1408
BIOL 1411	BIOL 1411
BIOL 1413	BIOL 1413
BIOL 1436	
BIOL 2401	BIOL 2401
BIOL 2403	BIOL 2401
BIOL 2404	
CHEM 1406	CHEM 1406
CHEM 1407	CHEM 1407
CHEM 1411	CHEM 1411
CHEM 1412	CHEM 1412
GEOG 1401	GEOL 1447
GEOL 1403	GEOL 1403
GEOL 1404	GEOL 1404
GEOL 1405	GEOL 1405
GEOL 1436	
ISCI 1436	
PHYS 1401 (New Fall 2023)	PHYS 1401
PHYS 1403	PHYS 1403

PHYS 1404	PHYS 1404
PHYS 1411	PHYS 2425
PHYS 1422	PHYS 2426

Component Area IV: Language, Philosophy, and Culture

Course Number	TCCN (if applicable)
Component Area IV: Language, Philosophy, and Culture	3 Hours Required
ARAB 2311	ARAB 2311
ARAB 2312	ARAB 2312
ENGL 2332	ENGL 2332
ENGL 2333	ENGL 2333
FREN 2311	FREN 2311
FREN 2312	FREN 2312
GEOG 2355	GEOG 1303
GEOG 2356	GEOG 1303
GERM 2311	GERM 2311
GERM 2312	GERM 2312
HIST 2311	HIST 2311
HIST 2312	HIST 2312
MCOM 1330	
MUSI 1379	
PHIL 1301	PHIL 1301
PHIL 2306	PHIL 2306
SGNL 2311	
SGNL 2312	
SOCI 2319	SOCI 2319
SPAN 2311	SPAN 2311
SPAN 2312	SPAN 2312

Component V: Creative Arts

Course Number	TCCN (if applicable)
Component Area V: Creative Arts	3 Hours Required
ARTS 1301	ARTS 1301
ARTS 1302	
ARTS 1303	ARTS 1303
CAMX 2301	
DANC 1372	
MCOM 2366	COMM 2366
MUSI 1306	MUSI 1306
MUSI 1310	MUSI 1310
MUSI 2348	MUSI 1308
PLSC 2399	
THEA 1366	DRAM 1310

Component Area VI: U.S. History

Course Number	TCCN (if applicable)
Component Area VI: U.S. History	6 Hours Required
HIST 1301	HIST 1301
HIST 1302	HIST 1302

Component Area VII: Political Science/Government

Course Number	TCCN (if applicable)
Component Area VII: Political Science / Government	6 Hours Required
POLS 2305	
POLS 2306	

Component Area VIII: Social and Behavioral Sciences

Course Number	TCCN (if applicable)
Component Area VIII: Social and Behavioral Sciences	3 Hours Required
ANSC 2360	
BESL 2301	
COMS 2386	SPCH 1318
CRIJ 2361	CRIJ 1301
ECON 2300	ECON 1301
ECON 2301	ECON 2301
ECON 2302	ECON 2302
GEOG 1300	GEOG 1302
HLTH 2383	
PHIL 2303	PHIL 2303
PSYC 1301	PSYC 2301
SOCI 1301	SOCI 1301

Component Area IX: Component Area Option

Course Number	TCCN (if applicable)
Component Area IX: Component Area Option	4 Hours Required
3 Hours Required:	
One additional course in component area 4 OR:	
BUAD 2321	
COMS 1361	SPCH 1315
COMS 2382	SPCH 1321
MCOM 1371	COMM 2303
1 Hour Required:	
ECON 1100	
KINE 2115	PHED 1164
MCOM 1130	COMM 2300
NGLI 1101	
The 4th credit hour of MATH 1410	MATH 2412
The 4th credit hour of MATH 1420	MATH 2413
UNIV 1101	
UNIV 2112 (New Fall 2023)	

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