

Common Curriculum for Texas Transfers

The table below outlines the [Common Curriculum](#) (CC), SMU's general education and graduation requirements, and the TCCNS courses that are pre-approved to fulfill each requirement. Please refer to the CC External Credit Policies page to review related policies. Courses in bold fulfill both a Breadth and a Proficiency & Experience.

FOUNDATIONS	
Requirement	TCCNS Course Number
Academic Writing (AW)	ENGL 1301
Critical Reasoning (CR)	ENGL 1302
Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	BUSI 2305, MATH 1324, 1325, 1332, 1342/1442, 2313/2413 PSYC 2317
Second Language (SLR)	Language Sequence 1 and 2, a class at 3 rd semester or higher (ex: SPAN 2311 or SPAN 2312), demonstrated proficiency in a foreign language
BREADTHS	
Select one course for each Breadth requirement.	
Requirement	TCCNS Course Number
Literary Analysis & Interpretation (LAI)	ENGL 2321, 2322, 2323 , 2326, 2327, 2328, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2341 COMM 2300 , 2366 DRAM 2366 SPAN 2312
Creativity & Aesthetics (CA)	ARCH 1302, 1315, 2301, 2302 ARTS 1301, 1311, 1316, 2313, 2316, 2326, 2333, 2346, 2356 , 2366 DANC 2303 DRAM 1310, 1351 HUMA 1311, 1315 MUSI 1306, 1310
Historical Contexts (HC)	ARTS 1303, 1304 HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2311 , 2312, 2321, 2322, 2381
Social & Behavioral Sciences (SBS)	ANTH 2351 GOVT 2305 KINE/PHED 1346 PSYC 2301, 2306 , 2307, 2308, 2314, 2315 , 2319 , 2320, 2330 SOCI 1301, 1306
Philosophical, Religious & Ethical Inquiry (PREI)	PHIL 1301, 1304, 2303, 2306, 2316, 2321
Exploring Science (ES)	AGRI 1407, 1415, 1419 ANTH 2401 BIOL 1406 or 1306/1106, 1407 or 1307/1107, 1408 or 1308/1108, 1409 or 1309/1109, 1411 or 1311/1111, 1413 or 1313/1113, 1414, 2401 or 2301/2101, 2402 or 2302/2102, 2406 or 2306/2106, 2420 or 2320/2120 CHEM 1405 or 1305/1105, 1406 or 1306/1106, 1407 or 1307/1107, 1409 or 1309/1109, 1411 or 1311/1111, 1412 or 1312/1112 ENVR 1401 or 1301/1101, 1402 or 1302/1102 GEOL 1401 or 1301/1101 , 1402 or 1302/1102 , 1403 or 1303/1103, 1405 or 1305/1105, 1445 or 1345/1145, 1447 or 1347/1147 HORT 1401 or 1301/1101 PHYS 1401 or 1301/1101, 1402 or 1302/1102, 1403 or 1303/1103, 1404 or 1304/1104, 1405 or 1305/1105, 1407 or 1307/1107, 1415 or 1315/1115, 1417 or 1317/1117, 2425 or 2325/2125, 2426 or 2326/2126
Technological Advances & Society (TAS)	Second ES course or BCIS 1305 COMM 1335 COSC 1301/1401

PROFICIENCIES & EXPERIENCES

These requirements may be fulfilled through courses or co-curricular experiences you've had after graduating from high school.

Required	TCCNS Course Number/Experience Example
Writing (W)	Course: COMM 2315, ENGL 2341 or a course in which you have multiple opportunities to write and receive feedback on written assignments totaling 12-15 pages. Experience: Conducting a benchmark analysis or literature review as part of an independent study with a faculty member.
Oral Communication (OC)	Course: SPCH 1311, 1315, 1321, HIST 2311, ARTS 2356, and other speech courses often fulfill this requirement. Experience: A series of presentations, one prepared and one extemporaneous, as part of an internship or a longer single presentation.
Select 4 of 5	Course/Experience Examples
Community Engagement (CE)	Course: TECA 1303, 1311, 1318, and service-learning course in which you volunteer in the local community. Experience: A volunteer experience that was 15 hours.
Civics & Individual Ethics (CIE)	Course: COMM 2300, CRIJ 1301, 1306, 1310, 2313, 2328, EDUC 2301, GOVT 2305, 2306, HUMA 1301, 1302, 1305, 2319, KINE 1304, PHIL 2307, SOCW 2361, 2362, TECA 1303, 1311, 1318 or a course on ethics and political thought will often fulfill this requirement. Experience: Interning with local, state, or federal government; or completing an additional 15 hours of Community Engagement (CE).
Human Diversity (HD)	Course: ANTH 2351, HUMA 2319, PSYC 2306, 2315, 2319, SOCI 1306 and courses with a focus on disability, gender, human rights, and/or ethnic groups. Experience: Volunteering 15 hours in a faith community different from your own.
Global Perspectives (GPS)	Course: ENGL 2333, GEOG 1302, 1303, HUMA 2323, SPAN 2312 or courses in international politics, the recent history of countries outside the US, world literature or film, and contemporary religious studies often fulfill this requirement. Experience: Study abroad or an immersive 14-day abroad experience.
Quantitative Applications (QA)	Course: AGRI 1107, 1115, 1119, 1407, 1415, 1419, ACCT 2301 ECON 1301, 2302, GEOL 1101, 1102, 1401, 1402, HORT 1101, 1401, MATH 2320, PHYS 2426, or introductory Data Science. Experience: Completing and authoring a research paper.

External Transfer Credit Policies

Transfer credit is awarded for courses with a grade of C- or better at regionally accredited colleges or universities that meet SMU's academic standards. Courses with a grade of D+ or lower are not transferable to SMU for credit, however the grades are calculated into the transfer GPA. Vocational-technical courses (including WECM), courses below college level, credit by examination earned at another college or university, PE activity courses in excess of two hours, and ROTC credit in excess of twelve hours do not transfer.

Common Curriculum Policies

The Common Curriculum policies differ depending on the type of transfer student you are when you enter (matriculate to) SMU. Read the definitions and policies below to confirm how your credits will apply to the Common Curriculum.

First Year (FYR): a student who hasn't taken any college credits since graduating from high school.

First-Year Transfer (FYT): a transfer student with 1-23 hours of college credits taken after high school graduation.

Transfer (TRN): a transfer student with 24+ hours of college credits taken after high school graduation.

Courses used to fulfill the CC must be at least 3 semester credit hours. Students transferring from a quarter system should multiply their credits by 0.667 to convert them to semester credit hours.

Requirement	First Year (FYR) & First-Year Transfers (FYT)	Transfers (TRNs)
Academic Writing & Critical Reasoning	AW and CR must be completed at SMU, regardless of external credit.	1. Satisfied if student transfers in WRTR 10XX and WRTR 10YY; completed as transfer credit. 2. If dual/concurrent or transfer credit is received for WRTR 10XX OR WRTR 10YY, students must take a CR course. 3. If WRTR 10XX and 10YY were both dual/concurrent credit or test credit, students must take a CR course. 4. Satisfied if WRTR 10XX is dual/concurrent credit or test credit awarded by a transferring institution AND WRTR 10YY is transfer credit.
Quantitative Reasoning	Can be satisfied with external credit.	
Second Language	1. Can be satisfied with AP/IB test credit (with an appropriate score). 2. Can be satisfied by a transcript confirming high school study was instructed in a language other than English. 3. Can be satisfied by transferring a language course taken as dual/concurrent credit that is equivalent to SMU's 3rd semester (2401) level or higher. 4. Can be satisfied by transferring a language course taken as post-high school transfer credit equivalent to SMU's 2nd semester (1402) or higher. 5. Can be satisfied by an appropriate score on an SMU-administered OPI or ASLPI test.	
	N/A	6. Can be satisfied by transferring two consecutive semesters (6+ credits) taken post-high school (Transfers only)
Breadths (all)	Up to 3 may be satisfied with external credit that is three semester credit hours or more; 4 must be SMU credit.	All 7 Breadths can be satisfied with external credit that is three semester credit hours or more.
Proficiencies & Experiences	Can be satisfied by external credit or post-high school activities. All experiences and some dual/concurrent, or transfer credit may need to be petitioned.	

- **External credit:** Credit earned through test, dual/concurrent transfer credit, or transfer credit.
- **Dual/concurrent credit:** course credits completed before high school graduation. Dual credit is work completed through a college (which could be taken at the college or at the high school) that counts for college credit and high school graduation requirements. Concurrent credit is work completed through a college, and the high school does not give credit for graduation purposes.
- **Transfer credit:** college credit completed after high school graduation but before matriculation to SMU. This does not include dual or concurrent credit.