Required Core Objectives □ Optional Core Objectives □

Foundational Component Area

Communication

Courses in this category focus on developing ideas and expressing them clearly, considering the effect of the message, fostering understanding, and building the skills needed to communicate persuasively.

Mathematics

Courses in this category focus on quantitative literacy in logic, patterns, and relationships.

Life and Physical Sciences

Courses in this category focus on describing, explaining, and predicting natural phenomena using the scientific method.

Language, Philosophy & Culture

Courses in this category focus on how ideas, values, beliefs, and other aspects of culture express and affect human experience.

Creative Arts

Courses in this category focus on the appreciation and analysis of creative artifacts and works of the human imagination.

American History

Courses in this category focus on the consideration of past events and ideas relative to the United States, with the option of including Texas History for a portion of this component area.

Government/Political Science

Courses in this category focus on consideration of the Constitution of the United States and the constitutions of the states, with special emphasis on that of Texas.

Social and Behavioral Sciences

Courses in this category focus on the application of empirical and scientific methods that contribute to the understanding of what makes us human.

Component Area Option

1. A minimum of 3 SCH must meet the definition and corresponding Core Objectives specified in one of the foundational component areas

2. As an option for up to 3 semester credit hours of the Component Area Option, an institution may select course(s) that:
   i. Meet(s) the definition specified for one or more of the foundational component areas; and
   ii. Include(s) a minimum of three Core Objectives, including Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, and one of the remaining Core Objectives of the institution's choice.