

College of Arts & Sciences

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Entering students are classified as majors but must fulfill initial requirements for the degree prior to enrolling in upper division courses in the department. A departmental advisor is available to help students with questions the degree and transitioning from lower to upper division courses.

The College of Arts and Sciences encourages students to explore teaching at the secondary level as a career option. Students seeking secondary teacher certification should contact the College of Education Office of Student advising.

The College of Arts and Sciences expects students to have completed the Texas State recommended high school program and be ready to enroll in Language 2040 (TCCNS: Language 2311). If you are not prepared for this level, the necessary prerequisites will either replace electives or increase the hours required for this degree.

Courses Recommended for Transfer

The UNT Core requirements, with the exception of American History and Government/Political Science, and the College & Major requirements are shown with Texas Common Course Numbering System values only when UNT offers equivalent courses. There may be other courses in transfer that apply toward the specific degree requirement, but those listed are known to apply.

UNT Core: Communication

ENGL 1301; and ENGL 1302 or 2311

A grade of 'C' or better is required on courses applied toward this requirement.

UNT Core: Capstone

This requirement will be met by fulfilling teacher certification requirements.

Note: The Core Capstone courses are under review by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and are subject to change.

UNT Core: Mathematics

One course chosen from: MATH 1316, 1324, 1325 or 1425, 1332, 1342 or 1442 or 2342 or 2442, 1350, 2312 or 2412, 2313 or 2413 or 2513

College of Arts & Sciences Core: Laboratory Sciences

UNT Core: Life & Physical Sciences

This requirement will be met by fulfilling College of Arts & Sciences laboratory science requirements (see next column).

The College of Arts and Sciences requires students to complete at least 9 hours (3 courses) in laboratory science (6 hours/2 courses also satisfy the university core Life & Physical Sciences requirement). At least one course must be taken from the list of Natural and Life Sciences, at least one course must be taken from the list of Physical Sciences, and the third course can be taken from either the list of Natural and Life or Physical Science courses below:

UNT Core: American History

Two courses chosen from: HIST 1301, 1302, 2301

Natural and Life Sciences

- ANTH 2401 or 2101/2301*
- BIOL 1406 or 1106/1306
- BIOL 1407 or 1107/1307
- BIOL 1408 or 1108/1308*
- BIOL 2401 or 2101/2301
- BIOL 2402 or 2102/2302
- BIOL 2406 or 2106/2306*
- GEOL 1401 or 1101/1301*
- GEOL 1403 or 1103/1303*

Physical Sciences

- ASTR 1403 or 1103/1303*
- ASTR 1404 or 1104/1304*
- CHEM 1411 or 1111/1311
- CHEM 1412 or 1112/1312
- PHYS 1401 or 1101/1301
- PHYS 1402 or 1102/1302
- PHYS 1403 or 1103/1303*
- PHYS 1404 or 1104/1304*
- PHYS 1410 or 1110/1310
- PHYS 1415 or 1115/1315*
- PHYS 2425 or 2125/2325
- PHYS 2426 or 2126/2326

UNT Core: Government/Political Science

GOVT 2305 and 2306

UNT Core: Creative Arts

This requirement will be met by fulfilling the Major requirement (see page two).

UNT Core: Language, Philosophy and Culture

One course chosen from: ENGL 2332 or 2333; HIST 2321 or 2322; PHIL 1301, 1304, 2303, 2306, or 2316

*Recommended course options for non-science majors.

UNT Core: Social & Behavioral Sciences

This requirement will be met by fulfilling the Major requirement (see page two).

UNT Core: Discovery

This requirement will be met by fulfilling the Major requirement (see page two).

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College of Arts & Sciences Core: Foreign Language

Any foreign language 2311 and 2312.

Courses must be taken in the same language.

NOTE: Prerequisites for foreign language 2311 and 2312 courses are 1311 and 1312 or 1411 and 1412 or 1511 and 1512. Placement exams may be available; see your community college academic advisor for details.

Communication Studies: Initial Major Requirements

To become eligible to enroll in certain advanced courses, a student must:

- complete at least 30 hours of college credit
- complete the university core Communications requirement (ENGL 1301 and 1302 or 2311) with a grade of C or better in each course
- complete SPCH 1311, 1315; 1318, 2341 and *COMM 2140 (at UNT only)* with a grade of C or better
- have a UNT grade point average of 2.5 or higher.

Communication Studies: Major Requirements

- SPCH 1311 (fulfills Major and Discovery Core requirement)
- SPCH 1318 (fulfills Major and Social & Behavioral Sciences Core requirement)
- SPCH 1315 (fulfills Major and Discovery Core requirement)
- SPCH 2341 (fulfills Major and Creative Arts Core requirement)

Courses listed above are TCCNS options and do not include all courses required for the UNT Communication Studies major.

Teacher Education Program

Admission to Teacher Education Program:

Prior to enrolling in the education courses, students must:

- be a junior (60 credit hours earned)
- have a 2.75 UNT GPA
- have a 2.75 overall GPA (includes courses transferred to UNT, plus all courses taken at UNT)
- have minimum THEA scores of 240 reading, 230 math, and 220 writing
- be actively enrolled at UNT and have an official degree audit with certification requirements included
- have completed the application process and been admitted to Teacher Education through the College of Education Student Advising Office in Matthews Hall, Room 105

Continuation in the Teacher Education Program is not guaranteed by the admission process.

Teacher Certification Information

Students must complete the required 21 hours in upper-level education courses and meet all GPA requirements to apply for state Certification. No TCCNS options available. A 2.75 GPA is required on Teacher Education courses; see current UNT Undergraduate Catalog for all requirements.

To be certified to teach in the State of Texas, the student must successfully pass the following exams:

Exam #1 TExES: Pedagogy & Professional Responsibilities (EC-12)

Exam #2 TExES: Speech-Communications (7-12)

Additional requirements for Teacher Certification in Communication Studies include a 2.75 overall GPA (including all transferred courses), a 2.75 UNT GPA and a 2.75 major GPA.

Special Notes

Hours Required and General/College Requirements: A minimum of 120 semester hours, of which 42 must be advanced, and fulfillment of degree requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree as specified in the [General University Requirements](#) section of the UNT catalog and the College of Arts and Sciences requirements

Students majoring in communication studies are required to have a minimum grade of C in all COMM courses to graduate.

Minor Required: Majors are required to complete a minor of at least 18 hours, including 6 advanced hours, from another department, or an interdisciplinary minor.

UNT Core Curriculum/Transfer of Core Curriculum:

UNT complies with the [mandates of the 1997 Texas Legislature](#) regarding requirements for state-assisted institutions. Students who successfully complete the common core curriculum (in whole or in part) at a Texas state-assisted institution of higher education are eligible to transfer as "core complete" for those categories in the UNT University Core Curriculum.

Individual academic programs may require courses contained in parts of the University Core Curriculum. Students who wish to take courses that will fulfill both core and major/program requirements simultaneously should check with academic advisors for assistance in selecting core courses.

Choice of Catalog: Any student transferring directly from a Texas public community college to UNT shall have the same choice of catalog designating degree requirements as the student would have had if the dates of attendance at the university had been the same as the dates of attendance at the community college.

The College of Arts and Sciences required curriculum and policies are located in the [Undergraduate Catalog 2014-2015](#).

For additional program and contact information, see the College of Arts and Sciences Student Advising website: www.cas.unt.edu/advising

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This four-year plan provides a model for on-time completion of this UNT program using as many TCCNS courses as possible. The four-year plan also shows the first point when no TCCNS options are available for this program. See the current [Undergraduate Catalog](#) for course prerequisites. Course availability at UNT is subject to change, and the plan shown below may change based on updates to UNT's course offerings.

UNT courses noted (#) do not have TCCNS equivalents, but have approved transferable substitutions.

YEAR	FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
	UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option	UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option
FRESHMAN	COMM 1010	SPCH 1311	COMM 2020	SPCH 1318
	COMM 2060	SPCH 2341	ENGL 1320 or TECM 2700	ENGL 1302 or ENGL 2311
	ENGL 1310	ENGL 1301	Foreign Language 2050	Foreign Language 2312
	Foreign Language 2040	Foreign Language 2311	CAS Core: Natural Science	See list of approved courses
	UNT Core: Mathematics	See list of approved courses	Elective	Consult UNT advisor

YEAR	FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
	UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option	UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option
SOPHOMORE	COMM 2140	None	COMM 3010	None
	UNT Core: American History	See list of approved courses	UNT Core: American History	See list of approved courses
	COMM 2040	SPCH 1315	Elective	Consult UNT advisor
	UNT Core: Language, Philosophy and Culture	See list of approved courses	CAS Core: Laboratory Science	See list of approved courses
	CAS Core: Physical Science	See list of approved courses	Elective	Consult UNT advisor
	Elective	Consult UNT Advisor	Elective	Consult UNT advisor

YEAR	FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
	UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option	UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option
JUNIOR	COMM Group A (Advanced)	None	COMM Group C (Advanced)	None
	COMM Group B (Advanced)		COMM Elective (Advanced)	
	COMM Elective (Advanced)		COMM Theory (Advanced)	
	UNT Core: Government/Political Science	See list of approved courses	UNT Core: Government/Political Science	See list of approved courses
	EDSE 3800	None	EDSE 3830	None
	* Students must be admitted to Teacher Education Program prior to enrolling in certain Education courses.			

YEAR	FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
	UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option	UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option
SENIOR	EDSE 4060	None	EDSE 4108* (Student Teaching)	None
	EDSE 4070			
	EDSE 4840			
	COMM 4510			
	Elective	Consult UNT advisor	EDSE 4118* (Student Teaching)	
	Elective	Consult UNT advisor		