



College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

B.A. Communication Studies

Secondary Education Certification (Grades 7-12)

2023-2024 Texas Common Course Numbering System Transfer Guide

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.

| FIRST YEAR FALL | | FIRST YEAR SPRING | |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|
| UNT Requirement | TCCNS Option | UNT Requirement | TCCNS Option |
| COMM 1010 | SPCH 1311 | COMM 2020 | SPCH 1318 |
| ENGL 1310 | ENGL 1301 | ENGL 1320 or TECM 2700 | ENGL 1302 or ENGL 2311 |
| Foreign Language 1010 or Elective | Foreign Language 1411 or consult UNT advisor | Foreign Language 1020 or Elective | Foreign Language 1412 or consult UNT advisor |
| Elective | Consult UNT advisor | COMM 2060 or 3260 | SPCH 2341 |
| UNT Core: Mathematics | See list of approved courses | UNT Core: Life & Physical Sciences | See list of approved courses |

| SECOND YEAR FALL | | SECOND YEAR SPRING | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| UNT Requirement | TCCNS Option | UNT Requirement | TCCNS Option |
| COMM 2140 or 3840 | N/A or consult UNT advisor | COMM 3010 | N/A |
| UNT Core: American History | See list of approved courses | UNT Core: American History | See list of approved courses |
| COMM 2040 | SPCH 1315 | UNT Core: Language, Philosophy and Culture | See list of approved courses |
| PSCI 2305 | GOVT 2305 | PSCI 2306 | GOVT 2306 |
| UNT Core: Life & Physical Sciences | See list of approved courses | Elective | Consult UNT advisor |
| Foreign Language 2040 | Foreign Language 2311 | Foreign Language 2050 | Foreign Language 2312 |

| THIRD YEAR FALL | | THIRD YEAR SPRING | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| UNT Requirement | TCCNS Option | UNT Requirement | TCCNS Option |
| COMM Group A (Advanced) | N/A | COMM Group C (Advanced) | N/A |
| COMM Group B (Advanced) | N/A | COMM Elective (Advanced) | N/A |
| Distribution Requirement | N/A | COMM Theory (Advanced) | N/A |
| EDCI 3800 | N/A | EDCI 3830 | N/A |
| Elective | Consult UNT advisor | Elective | Consult UNT advisor |

| FOURTH YEAR FALL | | FOURTH YEAR SPRING | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| UNT Requirement | TCCNS Option | UNT Requirement | TCCNS Option |
| EDCI 4060 | N/A | EDCI 4108* (Student Teaching) | N/A |
| EDCI 4070 | N/A | EDCI 4118* (Student Teaching) | N/A |
| EDCI 4840* | N/A | | |
| COMM Elective (Advanced) | N/A | | |
| Distribution Requirement | N/A | | |
| Elective | Consult UNT advisor | | |

* Students must be admitted to Teacher Education Program prior to enrolling in certain Education courses.



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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 Liberal Arts and Social 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 Liberal Arts and Social 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 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: Mathematics

One course from: MATH 1316, 1324, 1325, 1332, 1342 or 1442, 1350, 2312 or 2412, 2313 or 2413

UNT Core: Life & Physical Sciences

For students **not** majoring in Science, Mathematics, or Engineering, completing two courses from the list below is recommended (consult UNT Advisor for more options).

- ANTH 2301
- ASTR 1403
- ASTR 1404
- BIOL 1308 or 1408
- BIOL 2306 or 2406
- GEOL 1401
- GEOL 1403
- PHYS 1403
- PHYS 1404
- PHYS 1410
- PHYS 1415

UNT Core: American History

Two courses from: HIST 1301, 1302, 2301

UNT Core: Government/Political Science

GOVT 2305 and 2306

UNT Core: Creative Arts

This requirement will be met by fulfilling the B.A. Communication Studies program requirement.

UNT Core: Language, Philosophy and Culture

One course from: ARTS 1303, ENGL 2321, 2326, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2341, or 2351; HIST 2321 or 2322; PHIL 1301, 1304, 2303, or 2306

UNT Core: Social & Behavioral Sciences

This requirement will be met by fulfilling the B.A. Communication Studies program requirement.

UNT Core: Core Option Courses

This requirement will be met by fulfilling the B.A. Communication Studies program requirement.

College of Liberal Arts & Social 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 1411 and 1412. Placement exams may be available; see your community college academic advisor for details.

College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences Core: Distribution Requirement

No TCCNS options available.

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree must complete two courses (3 hours each) of advanced work at UNT in:

- Cultural Diversity & Global Issues: Focused on cultural diversity in regional, national or international contexts, depending on the nature of the course. 3 hours from an approved Study Abroad program can substitute for this requirement.
- Communication & Digital Skills: Focused on developing written, oral or visual communication skills using discipline-specific digital technologies.

Major courses can be used to satisfy both the CLASS Distribution requirement and your major requirements, see your academic advisor for assistance in making the best choice of CLASS Distribution courses.

Communication: Major Prerequisite 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 Communication requirement (ENGL 1301 and 1302 or 2311) with a grade of 'C' or better in each course
- complete SPCH 1311, 1318, 2341 or COMM 3260 and COMM 2140 or COMM 3840 (at UNT only) with a grade of 'C' or better
- have a UNT grade point average of 2.5 or higher.

Communication: Major requirements

TCCNS options:

- SPCH 1311 and 1315 (also fulfills Core Option core requirement)
- SPCH 1318 (also fulfills Social & Behavioral Sci. core requirement)
- SPCH 2341 (also fulfills Creative Arts core requirement)

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



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Communication: 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

No TCCNS options available.

Students must complete the required 21 hours in upper-level education courses and meet all GPA requirements to apply for state Certification. 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 Liberal Arts and Social 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. This requirement can also be satisfied by completing the Secondary Education requirements.

UNT Core Curriculum/Transfer of Core Curriculum: UNT complies with the mandate of the Texas Legislature regarding [Core 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 Liberal Arts and Social Sciences required curriculum and policies are located in the [undergraduate catalog](#) under the corresponding catalog year.

For additional program and contact information, visit the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Student Advising website at www.class.unt.edu/advising.