

Understanding Texas Education Core Curriculum:

Core affects any student who pursues an undergraduate degree here at Lamar University.

- **New Students**
 - Students should follow their approved Plan of Study, as outlined by their advisor
- **Students who transfers to Lamar University from a Texas Public Institution**
 - Attributed course work must be accepted, as described below
- **Students who change their major**
 - Attributed course work must be accepted, as described below
- **Students who are considered Post Bac – obtaining an additional bachelor’s degree**
 - These students are not automatically considered core completed. Core must be completed for the new degree.

If a course is considered core at a Texas Public Institution it will be given a transparent core attribute of:

010	Communication	6 SCH
020	Mathematics	3 SCH
030	Life & Physical Science	6 SCH
040	Language, Philosophy & Culture	3 SCH
050	Creative Arts	3 SCH
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another humanities course only because it is a requirement for students at the receiving institution. The question is one of time and cost. Requiring courses, in addition to those already taken, is not aligned with the statute, which says a student “shall receive academic credit within the core curriculum of the receiving institution for each of the courses that the student has successfully completed in the core curriculum of the sending institution” (Texas Education Code Section 61.822(d)).

TEC Section 61.822(d) states, “Following receipt of credit for these courses, the student may be required to satisfy further course requirements in the core curriculum of the receiving institution.” So, if the student took only three SCH for the CAO at the sending institution, then the receiving institution, after giving credit for the first three SCH, can make requirements for the remaining three SCH the student has yet to take. The institution should keep the best interest of the student in mind in considering whether the required courses differ substantially from those already taken.

*****Exception to this rule, if the course is a pre-requisite to a course required for the major, then the student can be advised to take the course. These courses will NOT count towards core, they will count towards major.*****

