

EDUCATION

The Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) degree is a collegiate degree program consisting of lower-division courses intended for transfer to baccalaureate programs that lead to initial Texas teacher certification. COM offers three AAT curricula, and they are intended to be fully transferable to any Texas public university offering baccalaureate degree programs leading to these initial teacher certifications. Students who complete the AAT degree will, however, be required to meet any and all entrance requirements of the receiving university and the educator preparation program, including grade point average and /or testing requirements. Students are advised to consult with the receiving institution's advisement staff for requirements unique to that institution.

While the degree is designed for transfer purposes, for those who decide to "stop out" after completing the AAT, this degree meets the "Every Student Succeeds Act" requirements for paraprofessionals. In addition, completion of the AAT is much like that of an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree in that it may qualify students for work that requires at least an associate's degree.

For those courses within an AAT degree that require "lab" and/or "field experiences," students will be required to submit an application for a criminal background check. If a student has a felony conviction for certain offenses against children and families, they may not be eligible to observe, work, or volunteer in the public schools or child care facilities at which these "labs" and/or "field experiences" will take place.

Effective September 1, 2017, HB 1508 amends the Texas Occupations Code Section 53 that requires education providers to notify potential or enrolled students that a criminal history may make them ineligible for an occupational license upon program completion. The following website provides links to information about the licensing process and requirements: <https://tea.texas.gov> (<https://tea.texas.gov/>)

Should you wish to request a review of the impact of criminal history on your potential Associates of Arts in Teaching degree prior to or during your quest for a degree, you can visit the following link and request a "Criminal History Evaluation":

https://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Investigations/Preliminary_Criminal_History_Evaluation-FAQs/

This information is being provided to all persons who apply or enroll in the program, with notice of the requirements as described above, regardless of whether or not the person has been convicted of a criminal offense. Additionally, HB 1508 authorizes licensing agencies to require reimbursements when a student fails to receive the required notice.

Full-Time Schedules

Associate of Arts in Teaching - Leading to Initial Texas Teacher Certification 4-8, EC-12 Special Education

Associate of Arts In Teaching - Leading to Initial Texas Teacher Certification 8-12, EC-12, other than Special Education

Associate of Arts in Teaching - Leading to Initial Texas Teacher Certification EC-6

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Full-Time Student Schedule

Course	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Semester #1		
EDUC 1300 or PSYC 1300	Psychology for Success or Psychology for Success	3
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
MATH 1314	College Algebra	3
EDUC 1301	Introduction to the Teaching Profession	3
Select from one of the following:		3
HIST 1301	U S History I	
HIST 1302	U S History II	
HIST 2301	Texas History	
Semester Credit Hours		15
Semester #2		
ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
Select from one of the following:		4
BIOL 1408	Biology for Non-Science Majors I	
BIOL 1406	Biology for Science Majors I	
GEOL 1403	Physical Geology	
MATH 1350	Mathematics for Teachers I	3
EDUC 2301	Introduction to Special Populations	3
Select from one of the following:		3
HIST 1301	U S History I	
HIST 1302	U S History II	
HIST 2301	Texas History	
Semester Credit Hours		16
Semester #3		
GOVT 2305 or GOVT 2306	Federal Government (Federal Constitution & Topics) or Texas Government (Texas Constitution & Topics)	3
SPCH 1315	Public Speaking	3
Select from one of the following:		4
BIOL 1409	Biology for Non-Science Majors II	
BIOL 1407	Biology for Science Majors II	
GEOL 1403	Physical Geology	
PHED 1164	Introduction to Physical Fitness and Wellness	1
PSYC 2301 or SOCI 1301	General Psychology or Introduction to Sociology	3
Semester Credit Hours		14
Semester #4		
GOVT 2305 or GOVT 2306	Federal Government (Federal Constitution & Topics) or Texas Government (Texas Constitution & Topics)	3
Select from one of the following:		3

ARTS 1301	Art Appreciation	
ARTS 1303	Art History I	
ARTS 1304	Art History II	
Select from one of the following:		3
PHIL 1301	Introduction to Philosophy	
HUMA 1301	Introduction to the Humanities I	
ENGL 2341	Forms of Literature	
MATH 1351	Mathematics for Teachers II	3
Elective:	Content Area Specific	3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Total Semester Credit Hours		60

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Associate of Arts In Teaching - Leading to Initial Texas Teacher Certification 8-12, EC-12, other than Special Education Full-Time Student Schedule

Course	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Semester #1		
EDUC 1300	Psychology for Success	3
or PSYC 1300	or Psychology for Success	
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
EDUC 1301	Introduction to the Teaching Profession	3
Select from one of the following:		3
MATH 1314	College Algebra ¹	3
or MATH 1332	or Contemporary Math (Quantitative Reasoning)	
Select from one of the following:		3
HIST 1301	U S History I	
HIST 1302	U S History II	
HIST 2301	Texas History	
Semester Credit Hours		15
Semester #2		
ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
Select from one of the following:		3
HIST 1301	U S History I	
HIST 1302	U S History II	
HIST 2301	Texas History	
Elective:	Content Area Specific	3
PHED 1164	Introduction to Physical Fitness and Wellness	1
EDUC 2301	Introduction to Special Populations	3
Semester Credit Hours		13
Semester #3		
GOVT 2305	Federal Government (Federal Constitution & Topics)	3
or GOVT 2306	or Texas Government (Texas Constitution & Topics)	
Select from one of the following:		3

ARTS 1301	Art Appreciation	
ARTS 1303	Art History I	
ARTS 1304	Art History II	
Select from one of the following:		4
BIOL 1408	Biology for Non-Science Majors I	
BIOL 1406	Biology for Science Majors I	
GEOL 1403	Physical Geology	
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
or SOCI 1301	or Introduction to Sociology	
SPCH 1315	Public Speaking	3
Semester Credit Hours		16

Semester #4

GOVT 2305	Federal Government (Federal Constitution & Topics)	3
or GOVT 2306	or Texas Government (Texas Constitution & Topics)	
Select from one of the following:		3
PHIL 1301	Introduction to Philosophy	
HUMA 1301	Introduction to the Humanities I	
ENGL 2341	Forms of Literature	
Select from one of the following:		4
BIOL 1409	Biology for Non-Science Majors II	
BIOL 1407	Biology for Science Majors II	
GEOL 1403	Physical Geology	
Elective:	Content Area Specific	3
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Semester Credit Hours		16
Total Semester Credit Hours		60

¹ Students should check with an advisor to ensure transferability of Contemporary Math to their receiving content-specific certification program. For cases in which transferability of Contemporary Math cannot be established, students should take College Algebra.

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Associate of Arts in Teaching: Leading to Initial Texas Teacher Certification EC - 6 Full-Time Student Schedule

Course	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Semester #1		
PSYC 1300	Psychology for Success	3
or PSYC 1300	or Psychology for Success	
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
MATH 1314	College Algebra	3
EDUC 1301	Introduction to the Teaching Profession	3
Select from one of the following:		3
HIST 1301	U S History I	
HIST 1302	U S History II	
HIST 2301	Texas History	
Semester Credit Hours		15

Semester #2

ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
Select from one of the following:		3
HIST 1301	U S History I	
HIST 1302	U S History II	
HIST 2301	Texas History	
Select from one of the following:		4
BIOL 1408	Biology for Non-Science Majors I	
GEOL 1403	Physical Geology	
CHEM 1406	Introductory Chemistry I	
EDUC 2301	Introduction to Special Populations	3
MATH 1350	Mathematics for Teachers I	3

Semester Credit Hours	16
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Semester #3

GOVT 2305 or GOVT 2306	Federal Government (Federal Constitution & Topics) or Texas Government (Texas Constitution & Topics)	3
SPCH 1315	Public Speaking	3
Select from one of the following:		4
BIOL 1408	Biology for Non-Science Majors I	
GEOL 1403	Physical Geology	
CHEM 1406	Introductory Chemistry I	
PSYC 2301 or SOCI 1301	General Psychology or Introduction to Sociology	3
PHED 1164	Introduction to Physical Fitness and Wellness	1

Semester Credit Hours	14
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Semester #4

GOVT 2305 or GOVT 2306	Federal Government (Federal Constitution & Topics) or Texas Government (Texas Constitution & Topics)	3
Select from one of the following:		3
ARTS 1301	Art Appreciation	
ARTS 1303	Art History I	
ARTS 1304	Art History II	
Select from one of the following:		3
PHIL 1301	Introduction to Philosophy	
HUMA 1301	Introduction to the Humanities I	
ENGL 2341	Forms of Literature	
MATH 1351	Mathematics for Teachers II	3
Select from one of the following:		3
TECA 1354	Child Growth and Development	
Elective:	Content Area Specific	

Semester Credit Hours	15
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Total Semester Credit Hours	60
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