

# ACADEMIC TRANSFER PROGRAMS

The degrees that transfer to four-year colleges and universities are the Associate of Arts, the Associate of Arts in Teaching, and the Associate of Science degrees. Degrees with emphasis are guidelines to a four-year degree. When planning a program and selecting electives, the student should become acquainted with the requirements of the major department in the college or university to which he/she expects to transfer. To count toward an Associate of Arts, Associate of Arts in Teaching or Associate of Science degree at College of the Mainland, courses must be academic transfer courses (in the ACGM).

The following departments offer academic transfer courses: Business and Computer Technologies, Fine Arts, Humanities, Math/Science, Public Service Careers and Social/Behavioral Sciences.

## Field of Study Programs

A "Field of Study" program is a sequence of courses in addition to a portion or all of the Core Curriculum that will satisfy the lower division requirements toward a bachelor's of arts, a bachelor's of science, or a bachelor's of business administration degree in a specific academic area at a general academic teaching institution. The transfer of these courses toward a bachelor's degree in these specific areas is guaranteed at any state university in the state of Texas. Field of Study programs can result in either the Associate of Arts or the Associate of Science degree. Please consult a faculty adviser in your area of interest for a degree plan.

COM offers the following Field of Study programs:

- Business (Associate of Arts)
- Computer Science (Associate of Science)
- Criminal Justice (Associate of Arts)
- Music (Associate of Arts)

Transferring students who have completed the Field of Study curriculum must satisfy the competency and proficiency requirements of the receiving institution. Transferring students shall not be required to repeat courses transferred as part of the Field of Study curriculum; however, diagnostic assessment of transfer students is permissible if the receiving institution routinely conducts diagnostic assessment of native students at the same point in the program of study.

Completion of the Field of Study curriculum shall not prevent a receiving institution from requiring additional lower-division courses that may be necessary for specific degree programs. Receiving institutions may require transfer students in specialized programs (e.g., jazz studies, performance, composition, music therapy, etc.) to take additional degree-specific lower division courses that are not included in the Field of Study curriculum.

## Associate of Arts Degree (AA)

Students completing an Associate of Arts (AA) degree at COM will meet the following requirements:

1. Completion of a minimum of 60 semester credit hours that must include all core curriculum and institutional core requirements, with the exception of certain Field of Study degrees.
2. At least 13 credit hours in academic transfer courses (ACGM) within areas of emphasis and/or electives.

3. Maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average (GPA). Only credit-bearing College of the Mainland courses will be used to calculate a GPA.
4. Completion of at least 25 percent of the credit hours toward this degree at COM.
5. Satisfy TSI liability.

COM offers the following Associate of Arts (AA) degrees:

- Business
- Criminal Justice
- General Studies
- Music
- Theatre Arts/Drama
- Visual Arts

Please refer to the specific Associate of Arts degree plans. For information pertaining to degree plans, please call 409-933-8379 or consult an Academic Advisor or a faculty adviser in your area of interest.

## Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) Degree

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.

- Leading to Initial Texas Teacher Certification EC-6
- Leading to Initial Texas Teacher Certification 4-8, EC-12 Special Education
- Leading to Initial Texas Teacher Certification 8-12, EC - 12, other than Special Education

## Associate of Science (AS) Degree

Students completing an Associate of Science (AS) degree at COM will meet the following requirements:

1. Completion of 60 semester credit hours that must include all core curriculum and institutional requirements.
2. Maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average (GPA). Only College of the Mainland courses will be used to calculate a GPA.
3. Completion of at least 25 percent of the credit hours toward this degree at COM.
4. Satisfy TSI liability.

COM offers the following Associate of Science degrees:

- Computer Science
- Mathematics
- Natural Science

Please refer to the specific Associate of Science (AS) degree plans. For information pertaining to degree plans, please call 409-933-8379 or consult an Academic Advisor or a faculty adviser in your area of interest.

It is highly recommended that a student pursuing any of the above majors consult with a science or mathematics faculty member for advisement during the first semester of attendance at COM.

## Online Programs & Degrees

COM offers a number of completely online Associate and Certificate programs. Online degree pathways are a great option for people who don't have time to attend face to face classes, work irregular hours, or have other time commitments. Some instructors may require that students come to campus for orientations, field trips, or to take tests in an approved testing location. Students must have access to the Internet, as all classes are conducted through Blackboard.

Program/Major	Degree	Completely Online
Business	AA	
Computer Science	AS	
Criminal Justice	AA	AA
General Studies	AA	AA
Mathematics	AS	
Music	AA	
Natural Science	AS	
Teaching - 4-8, EC-12 Special Education	AAT	
Teaching - 8-12, EC-12 Other	AAT	
Teaching - EC-6	AAT	
Theatre	AA	
Visual Arts	AA	

## Core Curriculum

COM complies with The Higher Education Coordinating Board, and House Bill 2183, adopted by the 70th Texas Legislature, which defined Core Curriculum as "the curriculum in the liberal arts, humanities, and sciences, and political, social, and cultural history, that all undergraduates of an institution of higher education are required to complete before receiving an academic undergraduate degree." This component of undergraduate education is also known as General Education.

Core Component	Course Selection	Minimum Hours Required
Communication	2 courses: ENGL 1301, ENGL 1302, ENGL 2311	6
Mathematics	1 course: MATH 1314, MATH 1316, MATH 1324, MATH 1325, MATH 1332, MATH 1342, MATH 2312, MATH 2413	3

Life and Physical Sciences 2 courses: BIOL 1406, BIOL 1407, BIOL 1408, BIOL 1409, BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402; CHEM 1405, CHEM 1406, CHEM 1411, CHEM 1412; GEOL 1403, GEOL 1404, GEOL 1405, GEOL 1445, GEOL 1447; PHYS 1401, PHYS 1402, PHYS 1403, PHYS 1404, PHYS 1410, PHYS 2425, PHYS 2426

Language, Philosophy, and Culture 1 course: ENGL 2322, ENGL 2323, ENGL 2327, ENGL 2328, ENGL 2332, ENGL 2333, ENGL 2342, ENGL 2343, ENGL 2351; HUMA 1301, HUMA 1302; PHIL 1301, PHIL 1304, PHIL 2306; SPAN 2311, SPAN 2312

Creative Arts 1 course: ARTS 1301, ARTS 1303, ARTS 1304, ARTS 1313; DRAM 1310, DRAM 2366; MUSI 1306, MUSI 1307, MUSI 1310

American History 2 courses: HIST 1301, HIST 1302, HIST 2301

Government/Political Science 2 courses: GOVT 2305, GOVT 2306

Social/Behavioral Sciences 1 course: ECON 2301, ECON 2302; PSYC 2301, PSYC 2314; SOCI 1301

Additional Core Curriculum Requirements 2 courses: PSYC 1300<sup>1</sup> or EDUC 1300<sup>1</sup> and PHED 1164

Total Core Curriculum Hours 42

Institutional Requirements 1 course: SPCH 1315 or SPCH 1318

Total Institutional Requirements 3

<sup>1</sup> PSYC 1300 and EDUC 1300 must be completed within the student's first 12 hours attempted at College of the Mainland.