

# TRANSFER CRITERIA

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The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has adopted the criteria listed below for lower-division and upper-division course credit. The following mandatory provisions regarding transfer of course credits pertain only to credits earned at a Texas public community college or university accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

1. Criteria for Lower-Division Course Credit Baccalaureate/Associate Degree Courses - Courses offered in the first two years of college study are those which:
  - a. Are identified by a majority of public four year undergraduate institutions in the state as courses intended to comprise the first two years of collegiate study, and
  - b. Stress development of disciplinary knowledge and skill at an introductory level; or
  - c. Include basic principles and verbal, mathematical, and scientific concepts associated with an academic discipline.
2. Criteria for Upper-Division Course Credit Upper-Division (Baccalaureate) Courses - Courses offered only in the third or fourth years of a baccalaureate program are those which:
  - a. Are identified by a majority of public four year undergraduate institutions in the state as courses intended to comprise the third and fourth years of post-secondary study, AND
  - b. Involve theoretical or analytical specialization beyond the introductory level, OR
  - c. Require knowledge and skills provided by previous courses for successful performance by students.