TRANSFER CRITERIA

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.