The degree plan of every undergraduate student at The University of Texas at Austin includes three components: core curriculum requirements, major requirements, and electives. The core curriculum must be completed prior to graduation for all students, regardless of major. The core begins with a common intellectual experience known as the first-year Signature Course and includes coursework in English composition, literature, government, history, social sciences, mathematics, natural sciences and technology, and visual and performing arts.

- **First-Year Signature Course**
  One of the following courses, completed during the student's first year in residence:
  - Undergraduate Studies (UGS) 302, 303
  - Students in the Plan II Honors Program may complete this requirement by taking Tutorial Course 302

- **English Composition**
  One of the following courses:
  - Rhetoric and Writing (RHE) 306 or 306Q (Enrollment limited to nonnative speakers of English)
  - Students in the Plan II Honors Program may complete this requirement by taking English 603A or Tutorial Course 603A.

- **Humanities**
  - English (E) 316L, 316M, 316N, 316P (American, British, or World Literature)
  - Students in the Plan II Honors Program may complete this requirement by taking English 603B or Tutorial Course 603B.

- **American Government & Texas Government** (Six hours are required)
  - Government (GOV) 310L and one of the following courses may be used to satisfy this requirement:
  - Government (GOV) 312L, 312P
  - Transfer students with five or more hours in American government may complete this requirement of the core by taking Government 105, which includes Texas government content consistent with the legislative requirement.

- **American History & American History** (Six hours required)
  Course Schedule designation "partially fulfills legislative requirement for American History."
  The following courses may be counted toward this requirement:

- **Social & Behavioral Sciences**
  One of the following courses:
  - African and African Diaspora Studies (AFR) 324E
  - Anthropology (ANT) 302, 305, 307, 318L
  - Core Texts and Ideas (CTI) 302, 365
  - Economics (ECO) 301, 304K, 304L
  - Geography (GRG) 305, 306C, 307C, 319
  - Health and Society (H S) 301
  - History (HIS) 329U
  - Human Development and Family Sciences (HDF) 304, 304H
  - Linguistics (LIN) 306, 312D, 312E
  - Psychology (PSY) 301
  - Religious Studies (R S) 310
  - Students in the Plan II Honors Program may complete this requirement by taking Social Science 301

- **Mathematics (3 Hours)**
  One of the following courses:
  - M 302 Introduction to Mathematics (requires 3 units of Math in high school at the level of algebra I or higher and a passing score on the THEA test or appropriate assessment test)
  - M 305G Preparation for Calculus CNS
  - M 408C Differential and Integral Calculus (requires appropriate ALEKS score)
  - M 408K Differential Calculus (requires appropriate ALEKS score)
  - M 408N Differential Calculus for Science (requires appropriate ALEKS score)
  - M 408R Differential & Integral Calculus for Sciences (requires appropriate ALEKS score)
  - M 316 Elementary Statistical Methods (requires appropriate ALEKS score)
  - One course from Statistics and Data Sciences: SDS 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 328M (require appropriate ALEKS score)
  - Plan II Honors Program students may take Mathematics 310P

- **Natural Science & Technology – Part I: (6 hours)** Must be taken in the same subject. Requirements vary by major. Visit www.utexas.edu/ugs/core/sciencepairings for a chart of approved course pairings. Some examples of sciences for non-science majors are in bold.
  - Astronomy (some have prerequisites, be sure to check)
• Only one of the following: AST 301 or AST 307
• Only one of the following: AST 309G, AST 309L, AST 309N, AST 309R or AST 309S

Biology (some have prerequisites, be sure to check) Complete two courses from the following series:
• BIO 301D, BIO 301E, BIO 301L, BIO 301M OR complete:
  • One of the following: BIO 301L, BIO 311C, BIO 3015H
  • AND one of the following: BIO 301M, BIO 311D, BIO 325H, BIO 326M, BIO 446L, BIO 365S

Chemistry (some have prerequisites, be sure to check) Complete two courses from one of the following series:
• CH 301, CH 302 Principles of Chemistry
  • CH 301H, CH 302H Principles of Chemistry Honors
  • CH 304K, CH 305 Chemistry in Context

Geological Sciences (some have prerequisites, be sure to check)
• Any of the following: GEO 302C, GEO 302D, GEO 302E, GEO 302M, GEO 303, GEO 303C, 404C, 405 (GEO 404C may not be paired with GEO 405)
  • Only one of the following: GEO 401 or GEO 303

Marine Sciences:
• Complete this series: MNS 307 and MNS 308

Natural Sciences (nine hours of this interdisciplinary sequence can be used to complete parts I and II)
• Complete two courses from this series: NSC 306J, NSC 306K, NSC 306L, 306M

Physical Science
• Complete this series: PS 303 and PS 304

Physics (some have prerequisites, be sure to check) Complete two courses from one of the following series:
• PHY 309K and PHY 309L
  • PHY 301 and PHY 316 (note: PHY 301 is taken with and PHY 316 is taken with PHY 116L; for Physics majors)
  • PHY 302K and PHY 302L (note: PHY 302K is taken with PHY 102M and PHY 302L is taken with PHY 102N)
  • PHY 303K and PHY 303L (note: PHY 303K is taken with PHY 103M and PHY 303L is taken with PHY 103N; for Engineering majors)
  • PHY 317K and PHY 317L (note: PHY 317K is taken with PHY 117M and PHY 317L is taken with PHY 117N)
  • Plan II Honors Program students may pair Physics 321 with any of the physics or physical science courses listed above

Natural Science & Technology – Part II: (3 hours) 3 hours from a subject other than the one chosen for Part I of the sciences requirement; again, sciences vary by major. Any course from the Part I list can be taken as an option to fulfill Part II as long as you are not using that subject for Part I

Anthropology
• ANT 301, ANT 304, ANT 304T

Biology
• BIO 305E, BIO 305F, BIO 307D, BIO 309D, BIO 309F

Computer Science
• CS 302, 312

Geography
• GRG 301C, GRG 301K, or GRG 304E

Natural Sciences

Nutrition
• NTR 306

Visual & Performing Arts

One of the following courses:
• American Studies (AMS) 330
• Architecture (ARC) 308, 318K, 318L
• Classical Civilization (C C) 303
• Core Texts and Ideas (CTI) 350, 351
• Design (DES) 308
• English (E) 321P, 379P
• Fine Arts (F A) 308, 311, 330, 331, 332, 333
• Music (MUS) 302L, 303M, 306M, 307, 313, 334
• Philosophy (PHL) 317K, 346K
• Radio-Television-Film (RTF) 305, 314, 316
• Theatre and Dance (T D) 301 317C, 317D