
The University of Texas at Austin
College of Natural Sciences
INTERNAL TRANSFER INFORMATION SESSION

Who must apply?

- Internal Transfer – students enrolled in other colleges at UT Austin who want to transfer into CNS.

- Current CNS Students–students currently in CNS who want to pursue a restricted major:
  - Computer Science, CS + X, Informatics, Public Health, and Statistics and Data Science (Restricted Majors)
  - Students admitted to CNS via internal transfer who wish to change to another major in CNS

- Internal Transfer into Environmental Sciences (EVS) is a separate application process. Please see the EVS website for more information.

Majors Available in CNS

- Astronomy
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Chemistry
- **Computer Science**
- **CS + X**
  - **NEU and CS**
  - **HIS and CS**
  - **LIN and CS**
- **Environmental Science**
- Human Development & Family Sciences
- Human Ecology
- **Informatics**
- Mathematics
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Neuroscience
- Nutrition
- Physics
- **Public Health**
- **Statistics & Data Sci**
- Textiles & Apparel

UTeach Admission Information

- If you intend to pursue UTeach, you must have completed:
- BIO311C; CH301; one of: PHY303K/301/317K/302K; one of: M408K/L/N/S/C/D
- And, select a specific degree option with UTeach:

- ○ BS Biology Option VIII: Teaching
- ○ BS Chemistry Option III: Teaching
- ○ BS Computer Science Option V: Teaching (must be admitted to the CS major)
- ○ BS Mathematics Option V: Teaching
- ○ BS Physics Option V: Teaching
- ○ Other BS with UTeach Natural Sciences Secondary Teaching Option Certificate
- ○ BSA in Astronomy, Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Neuroscience, Nutrition, or Physics with UTeach Natural Sciences Secondary Teaching Option Certificate (Transcript Recognized Certificate)

UTeach Admission Requirements

Minimum Criteria for acceptance:

- Cumulative GPA 3.0 **after** Spring semester
- Commitment to taking at least 4 semesters of UTeach coursework
- If accepted to UTeach, transferring to another major within the College of Natural Sciences is prohibited.

BSA vs. BS

Bachelor of Science and Arts (BSA) – Science core with a cross-disciplinary minor or certificate in another field. Fewer math/science courses than BS degree.

Bachelor of Science (BS) – 80 to 90 hours of the degree are focused on science and math. Perfect for students wanting to pursue graduate school in the sciences.

Eligibility Requirements

- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- Complete a minimum of 24 semester hours in-residence.
  - 30 hrs in residence minimum to add a second major
- Complete less than 90 hours
  No Completed Bachelor's degree
- Spring courses are considered as part of your application.
  - **Summer courses & credit by exam/correspondence/extension/pass/fail/transfer hours taken the summer after submitting an application cannot fulfill the in-residence requirement.**
- Completion of one math and two science courses from listed requirements *and/or* acceptable course substitutions.

Admissions Requirements:

These courses do not need to be taken in residence.

Complete one Math course from the following courses:

M 408C, M 408D, M 408K, M 408L, M 408M, M 408N, M 408R, M 408S, M 408Q, or SDS 302F

Complete two science courses from the following courses: BIO 311C, BIO 311D, CH 301, CH 302, PHY 303K, PHY 303L, or majors-level equivalent coursework: **Any science course that applies toward your intended CNS degree like BIO 325, CH 320M/CH 320N, BCH 369, or choose from the Science options on the Acceptable Course Substitutions for your intended major.**

Math & Science Requirements

- The preference is for students to have completed math and science coursework in-residence with an earned grade of B- or better.

- **Please do not repeat credits in order to apply.**

- If you completed any math or science requirements elsewhere, it's recommended to take the next courses required for your intended major.

  – Chemistry example: You earned AP or transfer credit for CH 302. We recommend enrolling in CH 320M.

How to Apply:

Major changes/adding a major cannot be altered after you submit your application.

1. The application will be available in early February & is composed of a few short answer questions and a resume

2. Prepare your resume ahead of time in a Word Document & copy/paste into the application.

3. The application must be completely submitted by the **May** deadline. Late applicants are encouraged to apply in the next Spring cycle.

Competitive Applicant Tips:

1. Use the Interactive Degree Audit (IDA) Tool.

2. Earn B- or better in math and science courses at UT Austin that are required for your major.

3. Plan to graduate with your degree within four years of entering the university.

Application Review

- Internal transfer is a competitive process & meeting the minimum criteria does *not* guarantee acceptance.
- Holistic review means all classes, overall and STEM GPA, degree progression, and fit to major are considered
- Admission is offered on a space available basis only, by major:
  - Admitted freshmen/Graduation rates/Retention rates
  - Student to Faculty ratio
- Preference is given to students pursuing a single major for Computer Science or Public Health.

Students invited to CNS:

- Earned As & Bs in CNS (majors-level) courses at UT Austin.
- Completed upper division courses in their major area. You are encouraged to re-apply when you've completed more in-residence coursework .
- Used the IDA to plan course work to complete their degree within four years of entering the University.

Do you plan to attend a Professional School?

- UT does not offer degrees in pre-health professions.
- Professional schools like to see a wide variety of majors and science degrees do not grant you a competitive edge.
- We recommend that you select a major that matches your interests and abilities, have a concurrent plan.
- The Health Professions Office provides advising pathways to professional school admission.

Pre-Health Professions Certificate

- This certificate provides majors outside of CNS access to the courses required to complete health professions prerequisites.

- Complete the admissions requirements: CH 301 or CH 302 **and** one of the following: SDS 302F, EDP 308, PSY 317L, M 408C, M 408K, M 408N, M 408R, or M 408Q with a B- or better. (other math/stats courses may count on a case-by-case basis)

- An online application is required for admission.

Programming and Computation Certificate

The Programming and Computation certificate program is a set of courses intended to help students understand the sophisticated technologies they use and to gain the computer skills that employers value.

Most of the coursework is not transferrable into the C S major.

- Provides students with knowledge of computer science that employers find valuable and supports study in other disciplines requiring computational proficiency.

- An online application is required for admission.

Other CNS minors and certificates

- Advanced Math
- Fashion and Consumer Science
- Forensic Science
- Human Development and Family Science
- Marine Science
- Statistics and Data Science

Questions?

- Visit the internal transfer website
  - All the information you need and FAQs to help you make course decisions.

- Please meet with your current academic advisor to discuss your plans, as admission is not guaranteed.

- Email us with any questions you have: cns.internal.transfer@austin.utexas.edu