Core Curriculum & Freshman Focus

Brief Overview
Fall, 2014
Full, State-Wide Implementation
Sept., 2012: UTSA Core presented to Faculty Senate

Summer, 2012: UTSA Core submitted to Univ Curriculum Committee

Spring, 2012: UTSA Core Curriculum proposals submitted; UTSA Core Curric Comm determines recommendations

Nov., 2012: UTSA Core submitted for THECB approval

Sept.-Oct, 2012: UTSA Core submitted to UT System

Feb., 2013: Depts submit revised degree material for 2014-16 catalog

Fall, 2013: Catalog forwarded to Faculty Senate

Spring, 2014: Catalog goes to press

Fall, 2014: Full Implementation
## Overview

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University College

ALL

✓ New Freshmen
✓ Freshmen Transfers
✓ Pre-Majors
✓ Undecided Majors
Transition Out of University College

When Students Have
- Declared major
- At least 30 hours
- No TSI deficiencies
Freshman Blocks

- 2 courses
- Capped at 25 each
- Mix of majors
- Offered on both campuses
Proposed Course Description

Academic Inquiry 1XX3

This course provides an opportunity for students to develop an awareness of the ways knowledge is generated by introducing students to the tools and study of the different means, materials, methods, nature, and ethics of academic inquiry. The course presents interdisciplinary investigations through lectures, presentations, faculty-guided discussions, and collaborative learning. The course includes skills and techniques in critical thinking, empirical and quantitative analysis, investigation, problem solving, learning, and research appropriate to the acquisition of knowledge in varying fields of study.
Timeline

2010-2011
Freshman Academic Experience Task Force

2011-2012
Executive Steering Committee

2012-2013
Executive Steering Committee
University College
Recruiting & Admissions

2013-2014
Partial Implementation/Pilot

2014-2015
FULL IMPLEMENTATION