

# Process for Core Curriculum Revision

## Charge:

Reconsider the Texas Core Curriculum to ensure that it reflects current and future demands on student knowledge and skills. (*Designing Texas Undergraduate Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A Report with Recommendations from the Undergraduate Education Advisory Committee*. January 2009.)

## UEAC & CB Staff Recommendations

### Core Curriculum Purpose

Through the general education core curriculum, students will gain a foundation of knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world; develop principles of personal and social responsibility for living in a diverse global world; and advance intellectual and practical skills that are essential for all learning.

### Core Curriculum Objectives

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- Critical Thinking Skills
- Communication Skills
- Empirical & Quantitative Skills
- Teamwork
- Social Responsibility
- Personal Responsibility

### Core Curriculum Framework

#### Component Areas

- Communication 6 SCH
- Mathematics 3 SCH
- Life & Physical Sciences 6 SCH
- Language, Philosophy & Culture 3 SCH
- Creative Arts 3 SCH
- U.S. History 6 SCH
- Government/Political Science 6 SCH
- Social & Behavioral Science 3 SCH
- Component Area Option 6 SCH

### Additional Considerations

- Assessment process
- Exceptions for AA/AS degrees with field of study curricula
- Unique Need courses
- Maximum SCH of Core Curriculum
- Transfer agreements



Core Curriculum Revision Recommendation Report to Commissioner

[June 2011]



Commissioner recommendations



Official Public Comment Period [August 26-Sept 26, 2011]

Strategic Planning & Policy Committee [Sept 20, 2011]

Coordinating Board Consideration [October 27, 2011]

Institutions develop new core curriculum

Submit to Core Curriculum to Coordinating Board for approval

[deadline: Nov 30, 2013]

Statewide Implementation of Revised Core Curriculum

[Fall 2014]

#### Procedures Under Development (not part of rules)

- Guidelines for course selection
- Guidelines for assessment reporting
- Government/Political Science sequence
  - UEAC recommendation - COMPLETE
  - Gov't Learning Outcome Group - COMPLETE
  - ACGM Committee – Oct 2011