You're probably asking yourself, "What's this 'Core' everyone is talking about?"

You're in luck! It might sound confusing, but boiled down, it's a group of classes that all UAB students have to take before they graduate. Courses that satisfy the Core Curriculum requirements are chosen because they promote at least one of UAB's six core competencies. These competencies help to ensure all of our students graduate with a passion for lifelong learning and acquire a broad range of skills they can use during their time at UAB and beyond. At UAB, the Core is made up of 41 credit hours and is broken down into four different areas. advisor if you have any questions. Turn the page to get started!

**The Core**

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**Let's Start by looking at Core Area I**

Core Area I

- **Written Composition: Courses must be passed with a "C" or better (6hrs)**
  - EH 101: English Comp. I (ACT Score of 20 or higher)
  - EH 102: English Comp. II (Complete EH 101 with "C" or better)
  - EH 106 & 096L (3hrs developmental): English Comp. I (ACT Score of 19 or lower)
  - EH 107 & 097L (2hrs dev.): English Comp. II (Complete EH 106 with "C" or better)
  - EH 108: English Comp. I for English Second Language Learners
  - EH 109: English Comp. II for English Second Language Learners
Next up, Core Area 2 and beyond. With input from your advisor, you get to pick what interests you.

Literature, Humanities & Fine Arts Courses (12hrs: Min. 3hrs of Lit and 3hrs of Art)

Literature Courses (3hrs or 6hrs with sequence)

ONLY AFTER completing EH 102, EH 107, or EH 109 select at least one EH course from:

EH 212: Forms of Literature
EH 213: Ideas in Literature
EH 217: World Literature I: Before 1660
EH 218: World Literature II: 1660-Present
EH 221: British & Irish Literature: Before 1800
EH 222: British & Irish Literature: 1800-Present
EH 223: American Literature I: Before 1865
EH 224: American Literature II: 1865-Present

Fine Arts Courses (3hrs minimum)

ARH 101: The Art Experience
ARH 203: Ancient & Medieval Art
ARH 204: Early Modern-Contemporary Art
ARH 206: Survey of Asian Art
ARS 280: Creativity & Imagination
MU 120: Music Appreciation
THR 100: Introduction to Theatre
THR 102: Introduction to Cinema
THR 105: Introduction to Dance
THR 200: Plays on Film

Humanities Courses

AAS 200: Introduction to African-American Studies
CMST 101: Public Speaking
FLL 120: Foreign Cultures
FLL 220: Foreign Literatures & English Translations
PHL 100: Introduction to Philosophy
PHL 115: Contemporary Moral Issues
PHL 116: Bioethics
PHL 120: Practical Reasoning
PHL 125: Introduction to Ethics
PHL 203: Philosophy of Religion
Languages: CHI, FR, GN, ITL, JPA, POR, SPA
Math Courses (3 or 4hrs): Green Courses Meet Core Requirement
Path 1: Majors in Arts/Humanities/Social & Behavioral Sciences

MA094: Basic Math
MA098: Basic Algebra
MA110: Finite Math

Path 2: Majors in Science/Business/Engineering/Math

MA098: Basic Algebra
MA102: Intermediate Algebra
MA105: Pre-Cal Algebra
MA106: Pre-Cal Trig
MA107: Pre-Cal Alg + Trig
B or higher in MA102 required
MA125: Calculus I

Math Placement Assessment score determines placement in MA094 & MA098. These are developmental & will not count towards GPA or credits earned. MA102 counts towards GPA & credits earned, but does not satisfy Core requirement.

Natural Science Courses: Two courses with labs (8hrs)

AST 101 & AST 111: Astronomy of the Universe
AST 102 & AST 112: Astronomy of Stellar Systems
AST 103 & AST 113: Astronomy of the Solar System
AST 105 & AST 115: Extraterrestrial Life
BY 101 & BY 102: Topics in Contemporary Biology
BY 108 & BY 109: Human Population & the Earth's Environment
BY 111 & BY 112: Extended Topics in Contemporary Bio
BY 123 + Lab: Introductory Biology I
BY 124 + Lab: Introductory Biology II
CH 105 + Recitation & CH 106: Introductory Chemistry I
CH 107 + Recitation & CH 108: Introductory Chemistry II
CH 115 + Recitation & CH 116: General Chemistry I
CH 117 + Recitation & CH 118: General Chemistry II
ES 101 & ES 102: Physical Geology
ES 103 & ES 104: History of the Earth
PH 201 + Lab: College Physics I
PH 202 + Lab: College Physics II
PH 221 + Lab: General Physics I
PH 222 + Lab: General Physics II
PHS 101 + Lab: Physical Science
PHS 102 + Lab: Physical Science II
History, Social & Behavioral Sciences Courses (12hrs)

**History Courses (3hrs minimum or 6hrs with sequence)**
- HY 101: Western Civilization I
- HY 102: Western Civilization II
- HY 104: World History to 1600
- HY 105: World History 1600 to Present
- HY 106: World History & Technology I
- HY 107: World History & Technology II
- HY 120: The United States to 1877
- HY 121: The United States since 1877

**Social & Behavioral Sciences Courses (6hrs minimum)**
- ANTH 101: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 106: Introductory Archaeology
- ANTH 120: Language & Culture
- CMST 105: Introduction to Human Communication
- DCS 101: Media & Society
- FN 102: Money & Society
- GEO 121: World Regional Geography
- ITS 101: Introduction to International Studies
- PSC 101: Foundations of American Government
- PSC 102: Foundations of Comparative Politics
- PSC 103: Foundations of International Relations
- PSC 221: American State & Local Government
- PUH 202: Introduction to Global Health
- PY 101: Introduction to Psychology
- PY 212: Developmental Psychology
- SOC 100: Introduction to Sociology
- SOC 245: Contemporary Social Problems
- WS 100: Introduction to Women’s & Gender Studies
- EC 210: Principals of Microeconomics
- EC 211: Principals of Macroeconomics

Developmental English & Math Explained

Course numbers that begin with a zero are developmental and do not count towards your GPA or degree completion.

Your English composition level is based on your high school GPA and SAT/ACT scores.

Your math placement is determined by a Math Placement Assessment. You can take this assessment online in BlazerNET when you are ready. If you are not satisfied with the results of your first attempt, you may retake the assessment twice more. Your highest score will determine your placement. Contact the UAB Testing Center if you have additional questions at testing@uab.edu.

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