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. You’ll work closely with your academic advisor to determine what courses you want to take to satisfy each requirement. It’s important to be honest with your advisor about your goals, so that they can make the best suggestions for your specific needs. In this handout, you’ll be able see what courses meet each core area’s requirements. You get to help decide what classes you take in order to make your UAB experience your own. Don’t be afraid to consult with your advisor if you have any questions. Turn the page to get started!

### The Core

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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

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
Core Area III

Math & Natural Sciences (11hrs)

**Math Courses (3hrs)**
- MA 110: Finite Mathematics
- MA 105: Pre-Calculus Algebra (Acceptable for Sci/Math/Engineering/Bus Majors)

**Natural Sciences 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

Core Area IV

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
Core Area IV - Continued

History, Social & Behavioral Sciences Courses (12hrs)

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
WS 100: Introduction to Women’s & Gender Studies
EC 210: Principals of Microeconomics (Combine with EC211 for sequence completion)
EC 211: Principals of Macroeconomics (Combine with EC210 for sequence completion)

Core Sequence Explained

All students are required to complete a sequence in one of three topics. A sequence consists of two courses that have linked course content. Simply taking two history courses will not satisfy the sequence: the courses must share course content.

Literature Sequence Options:
- EH212 & EH213: Forms/Ideas of Lit
- EH 217 & EH 218: World Literature
- EH 221 & EH 222: British & Irish Literature
- EH 223 & EH 224: American Literature

History Sequence Options:
- HY 101 & HY 102: Western Civilization
- HY 104 & HY 105: World History
- HY 106 & HY 107: World History & Technology
- HY 120 & HY 121: United States History

Economics Sequence Option:
- EC 210 & EC 211: Micro. & Macroeconomics

Developmental English & Math Explained

You have been placed in a composition level based on your high school GPA and SAT/ACT scores. If you have placed in developmental courses, they are required. Course numbers that begin with a zero are developmental and do not count towards your GPA or degree completion.

Developmental English Options:
- EH 106/096L: Intro to Freshman Writing I (6hrs)
- EH 107/097L: Intro to Freshman Writing II (5hrs)

Developmental Math Options:
- MA 094: Basic Mathematics (3hrs)
- MA 098: Basic Algebra (3hrs)

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

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