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 of the core area 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

- 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 (6hrs): English Comp. I (ACT Score of 19 or lower)
- EH 107 & 097L (5hrs): 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)

**Literature Courses (3hrs or 6hrs with sequence)**

*After completing EH 102, EH 107, or EH 109 select at least one EH course from:*

- EH 216: Introduction to 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)**

- 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 (3hrs if you complete Literature sequence or 6hrs if not)**

- 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 & 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 (8hrs): Two courses with labs
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

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**

*(3hrs with EC sequence, 6 hrs with HY sequence, or 9hrs with EH sequence)*

- ANTH 101: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 106: Introductory Archaeology
- ANTH 120: Language & Culture
- CMST 105: Introduction to Human Communication
- 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:**
- 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 & Macro Economics

**Developmental English & Math Explained**

You have been placed in an English and Math level based on your high school GPA and SAT/ACT scores. If you have placed in developmental level English or Math those courses 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 091: Into to College English (5hrs)
- 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)

You are welcome to contact the UAB Testing Center to schedule a Math Placement Test that is one level higher than the Math level you have been placed in. A score of 85% or higher is considered passing. More information can be found at www.uab.edu/testing

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