

Core Curriculum Simplified

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. Get in touch with your advisor if you have any questions. Turn the page to get started!

THE CORE

Core Area I	Written Composition	6 Credit Hours
Core Area II	Humanities & Fine Arts	12 Credit Hours
Core Area III	Natural Science & Mathematics	11 Credit Hours
Core Area IV	History, Social, & Behavioral Science	12 Credit Hours

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 (1hr developmental): English Comp. I (ACT Score of 19 or lower)
- { EH 107 & 097L (1hr 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.**



Core Area II

**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



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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

MA107: Pre-Cal Alg + Trig
B or higher in MA102 required

MA106: Pre-Cal Trig

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



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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
- SOC245: 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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