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Included in the degree requirements for the Associate of Arts, the Associate of Science, the Bachelor of Applied Science, and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing\* degrees at Galveston College is a basic core of general education courses or a core curriculum. The purpose of the Galveston College core curriculum is to provide the skills, knowledge, and perspectives that help define the educated person. Further, students are expected to 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 world; and, advance intellectual and practical skills that are essential for all learning.

The core emphasizes the basic intellectual competencies or core objectives—communication (reading, writing, and speaking), critical thinking, empirical and quantitative skills (including numerical comprehension and analysis), teamwork, and social and personal responsibility (including historical consciousness, multicultural awareness, and concern about ethics, aesthetics, and values). Competency in each of the core objectives is established by successful completion of the core courses and the learning outcomes that are embodied in each course which are required for the Associate of Arts, the Associate of Science, the Bachelor of Applied Science, or the Bachelor of Science in Nursing\* Degree.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the guidelines and procedures established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), all Texas public colleges and universities are required to establish a core curriculum. The law and the established guidelines indicate that if a student completes the core curriculum at one public college or university within the State of Texas, that block of courses may be transferred to any other public college or university within the State of Texas and must be substituted for the receiving institution's core curriculum. Further, in accordance with the law and the guidelines, a student shall receive academic credit for each of the courses transferred and may not be required to take additional core curriculum courses at the receiving institution, unless the THECB has approved a larger core curriculum for that institution.

The Galveston College Core Curriculum consists of eight areas - Communications, Humanities, Visual and Performing Arts, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, American History, and Government/Political Science. These requirements must be met by every student pursuing an Associate of Arts, an Associate of Science, a Bachelor of Applied Science, or Bachelor of Science in Nursing\* degree at Galveston College.

\*Pending SACSCOC Approval

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REQUIREMENTS

The specific course requirements necessary to complete the core curriculum shall be determined by the faculty and the administration and shall be published in the College Catalog.

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