

Tracking Cougar Curriculum



September 2015

NEW 2015-2016 COLLIN COLLEGE CORE CURRICULUM

Effective fall 2015, the Collin College Core Curriculum has several additions, a few deletions, and a major change to the Component Area Option. Recommendations for changes to the roster of courses approved for the core may be submitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board once each academic year. Collin College completes its annual submission process by December of each year, so that the approval process can be completed in time for inclusion in the following year's catalog.

General Education Core Objectives

- Critical Thinking
- Communication
- Empirical and Quantitative Skills
- Teamwork
- Personal Responsibility
- Social Responsibility

Foundational Component Areas (with credit hours)

- American History (6)
- Communication (6)
- Creative Arts (3)
- Government / Political Science (6)
- Language, Philosophy and Culture (3)
- Life and Physical Sciences (6)
- Mathematics (3)
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (3)
- Component Area Option [distributed across the components] (6)

CAB ACTIONS September 2015

- Polysomnographic Program revision
- 2015 Core in effect

The Collin College Core Objectives Assessment Team (COAT) is responsible for incorporating these core changes into the ongoing annual assessment of selected core objectives. Action taken as a result of the assessment activity must be documented and included in periodic core curriculum assessment reports for the THECB. This year's Closing the Loop action plan will address questions about the relationships between assignments, student artifacts and assessment rubrics.

SUMMARY OF THE 2015-2016 CORE CURRICULUM CHANGES BY FOUNDATIONAL COMPONENT AREA (FCA)

Mathematics: This component area had the most movement. Either College Algebra, MATH 1414 or MATH 1314, may be taken, but not both. For Pre-Calculus Math, MATH 2312 has been replaced with MATH 2412. MATH 2417 Accelerated Calculus I and MATH 2419 Accelerated Calculus II have been deleted statewide.

Language, Philosophy and Culture: FREN 2303 Intro to French Literature I and FREN 2304 Intro to French Literature II are scheduled for statewide deletion by THECB in spring 2016.

HUMA 1302 Introduction to Humanities II was not approved for inclusion in the core curriculum because the THECB evaluation determined the "course [as proposed] lacks the breadth required of a course in the Language, Philosophy and Culture FCA."

Social and Behavioral Sciences: SOCI 1306 Social Problems has been added.

Component Area Option: The Component Area Option has been simplified. The three semester credit hours (SCHs) of Speech remain the same. Students must also complete three SCHs chosen from PHED 1304 Personal/Community Health, PHED 1164 Intro to Physical Fitness and Wellness or any other core course not taken to fulfill another requirement.

Students who completed eight SCHs in the Life and Physical Sciences FCA will have two credits applied to the Collin College Component Area Option and may take PHED 1164 Intro to Physical Fitness and Wellness or PSYC 1100 Learning Framework for the third SCH. Students who transfer in with six or seven SCHs in Life and Physical Sciences FCA may choose among PHED 1164 Intro to Physical Fitness and Wellness, PSYC 1100 Learning Framework or EDUC 1200 Learning Framework to meet their 42 SCH core curriculum requirement. Core curriculum hours earned in excess of 42 SCHs may be applied to meet other degree requirements, if appropriate.

THECB rules related to core curriculum and assessment requirements can be found in Chapter 4, Subchapter B, Section 4.

