

## Texas Core Curriculum 2014

### Chapter 4 B §4.28 – 4.31

#### Statement of Purpose

Through the Texas Core Curriculum, students will 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.

#### Core Objectives

- ∞ **Critical Thinking Skills** - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
  - ∞ **Communication Skills** - to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication
  - ∞ **Empirical and Quantitative Skills** - to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
  - ∞ **Teamwork** - to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal
  - ∞ **Personal Responsibility** - to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making
  - ∞ **Social Responsibility:** to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities
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#### Guidelines

- ∞ Core = 42 SCH
  - FCA over-flow hours must be accounted for in CAO or degree requirements
- ∞ Courses must meet FCA definition and include required Core Objectives
- ∞ Component Area Option
  - min 3 SCH must match FCA definition & Core Objectives
  - max 3 SCH match FCA + Core Objectives Critical Thinking, Communication Skills, & one other (institution's choice)
- ∞ Unique needs courses no longer allowed
- ∞ One change per year per institution
  - Schedule that suits the institution
  - Request received before March 1 will be approved for following Fall semester
- ∞ Website: <http://www.theccb.state.tx.us/corecurriculum2014>