

Associate of Arts

TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE Division of Humanities

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopted requirements for a 48-hour core curriculum. Students pursuing an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or an Associate of Fine Arts degree are required to complete these curriculum requirements. The Core Curriculum is designed to provide the skills and knowledge necessary for an educated person to read, write and speak effectively; to use mathematics competently, to exercise critical thinking skills; and to promote a lifestyle of sound well-being. It equips students with the ability to listen and respond to differing views and to work with others to seek, analyze and use information in completing tasks and solving problems. A student who completes the 48-hour Core Curriculum at The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College may transfer the block of courses to any other Texas public college or public university. That college or university must count it for their Core Curriculum. The student will receive credit for each of the courses transferred. Only if the receiving institution has a larger Core Curriculum can the student be required to take additional Core Curriculum courses. Although Core Curriculum requirements are satisfied, some courses in the Core may not apply to a degree plan at the receiving college or university.

A – GENERAL EDUCATION CORE – 48 HOURS

B – ELECTIVES – 14 HOURS

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION - 62

1. [MUSI 1304](#) - Teaching Music in the Elementary School, is required for Elementary Teacher Education programs.
2. Required courses for Teacher Education program: [EDUC 1301](#) - Introduction to Teaching Professions, and [EDUC 2301](#) - Introduction to Special Populations. Minimum grade of C is required for admission into the Teacher Education program and for graduation.
3. [SPCH 1315](#) Public Speaking, is strongly recommended. Minimum grade of B or better is required for admission into the Teacher Education program.

« TSI Requirement (Texas Success Initiative - any other State-approved test) - Student must pass all three sections of State-approved test to graduate with this degree.

† Grade of "C" or better is required for graduation.