

Houston GPS Arts*, Humanities, Communication & Design Meta-Major Map Document

*The Arts map is being edited and will be added back once finalized.

Map Guidelines

- Houston GPS maps include courses that apply to lower-level requirements in specified degrees across Houston GPS institutions without resulting in excess credit upon transfer. Courses are in the Lower-Division Academic course Guide Manual (ACGM) and course numbers provided are those in the Texas Common Course Numbering System.
- [Field of Study Curricula](#) approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board are incorporated into maps.

[Unless repealed or replaced, Field of Study Curricula in effect as of March 1, 2021 will remain in effect until August 31, 2025, upon which date those Field of Study Curricula expire by operation of law.](#)

- The following [Texas Core Curriculum](#) requirements are incorporated into maps:

Code	Component Area	SCH
010	Communication	6
020	Mathematics	3
030	Life and Physical Science	6
040	Language, Philosophy and Culture	3
050	Creative Arts	3
060	American History	6
070	Government/Political Science	6
080	Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
090	Component Area Option	6
Total		42

Houston GPS
Arts, Humanities, Communication & Design Meta-Major Maps

Architecture

The Architecture map for Houston GPS include the following majors at participating institutions:

Alvin Community College	College of the Mainland	Galveston College	Houston Community College
Lone Star College	San Jacinto College	Wharton County Junior College	

PVAMU	TSU	UH
BS, Architecture		BS, Industrial Design
		BS, Interior Architecture
		Bachelor of Architecture
		BS, Environmental Design
UH Downtown	UH Clear Lake	UH Victoria

Courses in the following representative sequence apply to lower-level requirements in **Architecture** degrees across Houston GPS institutions without resulting in excess credit upon transfer. Course numbers provided are those in the Texas Common Course Numbering System.

Year 1	
ARCH 1311 Introduction to Architecture**	ARCH 1304 Architectural Design II**
ARCH 1303 Architectural Design I**	ARCH 1308 Architectural Graphics II**
ARCH 1307 Architectural Graphics I**	Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core (040)* (or other remaining core)
ENGL 1301 Composition I (010)*	ENGL 1302 Composition II (010)*
MATH 1314 College Algebra (020)*	MATH 2312 Pre-Calculus (090)*
Year 2	
ARCH 1301 Architectural History I**	ARCH 1302 Architectural History II**
ARCH 2603 Architectural Design III**	ARCH 2604 Architectural Design IV**
ARCH 2312 Architectural Technology**	PHYS 1301 College Physics I (lecture) (030)* (or other remaining core)
HIST 1301 United States History I (060)* (or other remaining core)	HIST 1302 United States History II (060)* (or other remaining core)

* Core Curriculum

** Architecture Field of Study

Notes Regarding Institutional Exceptions or Special Cases:

UH: ARCH 1301 fulfills Creative Arts Core (050).

PVAMU: ARCH 1303 fulfills Creative Arts Core (050). ARCH 1301 fulfills Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core (040). ARCH 1311 and 1308 fulfills ARCH elective block. Students are required to take MATH 1316 as a prerequisite (Core 020) for structural courses; recommend FINA 2313 and ARCH 1327 for Component Area Option Core (090).

Communication

The Communication map for Houston GPS include the following majors at participating institutions:

Alvin Community College	College of the Mainland	Galveston College	Houston Community College
AA, General Studies	AA, General Studies	AA, Speech Communication	AA, Communications
Lone Star College		San Jacinto College	Wharton County Junior College
AAS Speech Communication		AA, Communications	

PVAMU	TSU	UH
BA, Communication	BA, General Studies	BA, Communication Studies
	BA, Communication Studies	BA, Health Communication
	BA, Communication Studies – Media Studies	BA, Strategic Communication
	BA, Communication Studies – Rhetoric, Performance, and Culture	
	BA, Communication Studies – Organization and Health Communication	
UH Clear Lake	UH Downtown	UH Victoria
BA, Communication	BA, Communication Studies	BA, Communication
	BA, Communication Studies - Media/Public	BS, Communication
	BA, Communication Studies - Health and Relational	
	BA, Communication Studies - Corporate Communication	

Courses in the following representative sequence apply to lower-level requirements in **Communication** degrees across Houston GPS institutions without resulting in excess credit upon transfer. Course numbers provided are those in the Texas Common Course Numbering System.

Year 1	
SPCH 1311 Introduction to Speech Communication**	SPCH 1315 Public Speaking**
ENGL 1301 Composition I (010)*	ENGL 1302 Composition II (010)*
MATH 1314 College Algebra, MATH 1332 Contemporary Mathematics (Quantitative Reasoning), or MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods* (020)	Component Area Option Core (090)*
HIST 1301 United States History I (060)*	HIST 1302 United States History II (060)*
GOVT 2305 Federal Government (070)*	GOVT 2306 Texas Government (070)*
Year 2	
SPCH 1318 Interpersonal Communication**	SPCH 1321 Business & Professional Communication**
Social and Behavioral Sciences Core (080)*	Creative Arts Core (050)*
Life & Physical Sciences I Core (030)*	Life & Physical Sciences II Core (030)*
Language, Philosophy & Culture Core (040)*	Component Area Option Core (090)*
Elective	Elective

* Core Curriculum

** Communication Field of Study (in progress)

Notes Regarding Institutional Exceptions or Special Cases:

UHCL: BA degree focuses on Mass Communication. Recommend students complete COMM 1307 and 2311 as electives if available, SPCH 1315 will fulfill 090. COMM 107 fulfill 040.

UHD: BA degree aligns with speech communication; does not focus on media production but some courses may transfer. UHD will accept COMM 1307, 2303, and 2311

TSU: Courses above transferrable for BA, General Studies; COMM 2300 Media Literacy required for all COMM majors

UH: Will accept COMM 1307 and COMM 2311

PVAMU: SPCH 1311 can used to fulfill Component Area Option Core (090), COMM 1315 and 1321 can fulfill Unrestricted Electives.

Journalism

The Journalism map for Houston GPS include the following majors at participating institutions:

Alvin Community College	College of the Mainland	Galveston College	Houston Community College
A.A., General Studies	AA, General Studies		
AS, Communications			
Lone Star College	San Jacinto College	Wharton County Junior College	
AA/AS, Liberal Arts		AA, General Studies	

PVAMU	TSU	UH
BA, Communication (Concentrations in Communication Studies and Mass Communication)	BA, General Studies	BA, Journalism
	BA, Journalism – Advertising and Public Relations	
	BA, Journalism - Broadcast	
	BA, Journalism - Print	
UH Clear Lake	UH Downtown	UH Victoria
BA, Communication	BA, Communication Studies	

Courses in the following representative sequence apply to lower-level requirements in **Journalism** degrees across Houston GPS institutions without resulting in excess credit upon transfer. Course numbers provided are those in the Texas Common Course Numbering System.

Year 1	
COMM 1307 Introduction to Mass Communication**	Choose one of the following courses**: COMM 1335 Introduction to Electronic Media COMM 2300 Media Literacy COMM 2302 Principles of Journalism
ENGL 1301 Composition I*	ENGL 1302 Composition II*
HIST 1301 United States History I (060)*	HIST 1302 United States History II (060)*
Mathematics Core (020)*	Creative Arts Core (050)*
GOVT 2305 Federal Government*	GOVT 2306 Texas Government*
Year 2	
Choose two of the following courses**: COMM 1316 News Photography I, COMM 1336 Video Production I, COMM 2303 Audio Production, COMM 2305 Editing & Layout, COMM 2315 News Reporting, COMM 2332 Radio/Television News	
COMM 2311 Media Writing**	Social & Behavioral Sciences Core (080)*
Language, Philosophy, & Culture Core (040)*	Component Area Option Core (090)*
Life & Physical Sciences Core (030)*	Life & Physical Sciences Core (030)*
Component Area Option Core (090)*	Elective

* Core Curriculum

** Journalism Field of Study (effective date TBD)

Notes Regarding Institutional Exceptions or Special Cases:

ACC: COMM 1335, 2300, 2302 are not offered.

UH: Courses align with BA Communication majors;

UH: COMM 1307 (labeled Media and Society at UH) aligns with UH communication (all majors). COMM 2303 Audio Production is the same as COMM 3320 Audio Production, will transfer.

UHCL: BA degree focuses on Mass Communication. Recommend students complete COMM 1307 and 2311 as electives if available, SPCH 1315 will fulfill 090. COMM 107 fulfill 040.

TSU: COMM 2303 Audio Production is not transferrable. COMM 1335 and 2302 are required.

PVAMU: Students should take COMM 2300 in Year 1. Recommend COMM 1336, 2303, or 2315 as options in Year 2.

English Language and Literature

The English Language and Literature map for Houston GPS include the following majors at participating institutions:

Alvin Community College	College of the Mainland	Galveston College	Houston Community College
A.A., General Studies	AA, English	AA, English	AA, English
			AA, Interdisciplinary Studies
Lone Star College	San Jacinto College		Wharton County Junior College
AA, English	AA, Communications		AA, English
AA/AS, Liberal Arts			

PVAMU	UH	UH Downtown	UH Clear Lake	UH Victoria	TSU
BA, English (Concentrations with or without Teacher Certification)	BA, English - Literature	BA, English	Humanities BA	BA, English	BA, English
		BA, Humanities	BA, Literature	BA, English Creative Writing (concentration)	BA, General Studies
	BA, English - Applied Linguistics (concentration)		BA, Literature with 4-8 Certification		
	BA, English – Creative Writing (concentration)		BA, Literature with 7-12 Certification		

Courses in the following representative sequence apply to lower-level requirements in **English Language & Literature** degrees across Houston GPS institutions without resulting in excess credit upon transfer. Course numbers provided are those in the Texas Common Course Numbering System.

Year 1	
ENGL 1301 Composition I (010)**	ENGL 1302 Composition II (010)**
MATH 1314 College Algebra, MATH 1332 Contemporary Mathematics (Quantitative Reasoning), or MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods* (020)	Component Area Option Core (090)*
HIST 1301 United States History I (060)*	HIST 1302 United States History II (060)*
GOVT 2305 (070)* Federal Government	GOVT 2306 (070)* Texas Government
Social and Behavioral Sciences Core (080)*	Creative Arts Core (050)*
Year 2	
Choose two of the following Literature Survey Courses. To avoid duplication of content, one-half of a two-semester course cannot be taken in conjunction with the single-semester course in the same topic.**	
ENGL 2321 British Literature (single semester), ENGL 2322 British Literature I, ENGL 2323 British Literature II ENGL 2326 American Literature (single semester), ENGL 2327 American Literature I, ENGL 2328 American Literature II ENGL 2331 World Literature (single semester), ENGL 2332 World Literature I, ENGL 2333 World Literature II ENGL 2341 Forms of Literature ENGL 2351 Mexican American Literature	
Life & Physical Sciences I Core (030)*	Life & Physical Sciences II Core (030)*
Component Area Option Core (090)*	Language, Philosophy & Culture (040)*
Elementary Foreign Language	Elementary Foreign Language
Elective	Elective

* Core Curriculum

** English Language & Literature Field of Study (effective September 2019; expires August 31, 2025)

Notes Regarding Institutional Exceptions or Special Cases:

GC: Does not offer ENGL 2321 British Literature, ENGL 2326 American Literature, ENGL 2331 World Literature, ENGL 2351 Mexican American Literature, or require a foreign language.

TSU: There is no equivalent for ENGL 2341 and 2351. Recommend students complete World Lit I and II in Year 2 elective category to meet TSU degree requirements.

UHCL: Recommend students complete one British Literature and one American Literature course for the two Literature Survey Courses. If the transfer institution lists literature courses as 040, UHCL will accept course towards 040 core.

LSC: English 2307 Creative Writing and English 2311 Technical Communication are not required but recommended as part of the AAE concentration electives.

PVAMU: ENGL 2341, 2351 can be used as electives in the non-teacher certification concentration; only 3 SCH of electives are required in the teacher certification concentration.

Mexican American Studies

The Mexican American Studies map for Houston GPS include the following majors at participating institutions:

Alvin Community College	College of the Mainland	Galveston College	Houston Community College
A.A., History			AA, Interdisciplinary Studies
Lone Star College	San Jacinto College		Wharton County Junior College
AA, Mexican American Studies			

PVAMU	UH	UH Downtown	UH Clear Lake	UH Victoria	TSU
BA/BS, General Studies	BA, Mexican American and Latino/a Studies	BA, Humanities	BA, Humanities		BA, General Studies
		BA, Humanities – Latino Studies			BA, History

Courses in the following representative sequence apply to lower-level requirements in **Mexican American Studies** degrees across Houston GPS institutions without resulting in excess credit upon transfer. Course numbers provided are those in the Texas Common Course Numbering System.

Year 1	
HUMA 1305 Introduction to Mexican American Studies**	HUMA 1311 Mexican American Fine Arts Appreciation**
ENGL 1301 Composition I (010)*	ENGL 1302 Composition II (010)*
MATH 1314 College Algebra, MATH 1332 Contemporary Mathematics (Quantitative Reasoning), or MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods* (020)	Language, Philosophy & Culture (040)*
HIST 1301 United States History I (060)*	HIST 1302 United States History II (060)*
GOVT 2305 Federal Government (070)*	GOVT 2306 Texas Government (070)*
Year 2	
HIST 2327 Mexican American History I** or HIST 2328 Mexican American History II**	GOVT 2311 Mexican American Politics**
ENGL 2351 Mexican American Literature** (040)	Any Spanish Course**
Life & Physical Sciences I Core (030)*	Life & Physical Sciences II Core (030)*
Component Area Option Core (090)*	Component Area Option Core (090)*
Social and Behavioral Sciences Core (080)*	Creative Arts Core (050)*

* Core Curriculum

** Mexican American Studies Field of Study (effective 2017; expires August 31, 2025)

Notes Regarding Institutional Exceptions or Special Cases:

HCC: Students are required to take either HIST 2327 or 2328 but not both; Students can also take HIST 1301 or 1302.

UHCL: BA in Humanities with a Mexican American Minor (Latinx and Latin American Studies); Recommends ARTS 1303 or ARTS 1304 for Creative Arts 050; Recommends PHIL 1301 or HUMA 1301 for Language, Philosophy and Culture (040)

PVAMU: HUMA 1305 fulfills Language, Philosophy and Culture Core (040); FOS courses fulfill concentration requirement for the General Studies degree.

Radio & Television

Alvin Community College	College of the Mainland	Galveston College	Houston Community College
AS, Communications	AA, General Studies		AA, Communications
			AA, Interdisciplinary Studies
Lone Star College	San Jacinto College		Wharton County Junior College

PVAMU	UH	UH Downtown	UH Clear Lake	UH Victoria	TSU
BA, Communications	BA, Media Production	BA, Communication Studies	BA, Communication	BA/BS, Communication	BA, General Studies
					BA, Entertainment and Recording Industry Management
					BA, Radio, Television, and Film

Courses in the following representative sequence apply to lower-level requirements in **Radio & Television** degrees across Houston GPS institutions without resulting in excess credit upon transfer. Course numbers provided are those in the Texas Common Course Numbering System.

Year 1	
COMM 1307 Introduction to Mass Communication** or COMM 1335 Introduction to Electronic Media**	COMM 1336 Video Production I**
ENGL 1301 Composition I (010)*	ENGL 1302 Composition II (010)*
MATH 1314 College Algebra, MATH 1332 Contemporary Mathematics (Quantitative Reasoning), or MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods* (020)	Component Area Option Core (090)*
HIST 1301 United States History I (060)*	HIST 1302 United States History II (060)*
GOVT 2305 Federal Government (070)*	GOVT 2306 Texas Government (070)*
Year 2	
COMM 2303 Audio Production**	COMM 2311 Media Writing** or COMM 2339 Writing for Radio, Television, and Film**
Social and Behavioral Sciences Core (080)*	Creative Arts Core (050)*
Life & Physical Sciences I Core (030)*	Life & Physical Sciences II Core (030)*
Language, Philosophy & Culture Core (040)*	Component Area Option Core (090)*
Elective	Elective

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** Radio & Television Field of Study (effective date TBD)

Notes Regarding Institutional Exceptions or Special Cases:

TSU: There is no equivalent for DRAM 1322, 2331.

TSU: DRAM 2335 transfers as MUSI 173/174 for 2 SCH. COMM 2339 does not transfer for BA, Entertainment and Recording Industry Management

TSU: TSU only requires a practicum, not DRAM 2289/cooperative course.

UHCL: Recommends completion of COMM 1307 and COMM 2311

UH: Recommends completion of COMM 1307 and COMM 2311

TSU: Recommends completion of COMM 1307 and COMM 2311

PVAMU: Recommends COMM 1307

World Languages

Alvin Community College	College of the Mainland	Galveston College	Houston Community College
A.A., General Studies	AA, General Studies		AA, Interdisciplinary Studies
			AA, World Languages
Lone Star College		San Jacinto College	Wharton County Junior College
AA/AS, Liberal Arts			AA, General Studies

UH	UH Downtown	UH Clear Lake	UH Victoria	TSU	PVAMU
BA, Spanish	BA, Spanish		BA, Spanish	BA, General Studies	BA/BS, General Studies
BA, French	BA, Humanities		BA/BS, University Studies		

There are currently no Field of Study Curricula for Languages approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Courses in the following representative sequence apply to lower-level requirements in **Spanish** degrees across Houston GPS institutions without resulting in excess credit upon transfer. Course numbers provided are those in the Texas Common Course Numbering System.

Year 1	
SPAN 1411 Beginning Spanish I	SPAN 1412 Beginning Spanish II
ENGL 1301 (010)* Composition I	ENGL 1302 (010) Composition II*
HIST 1301 United States History I (060)*	HIST 1302 United States History II (060)*
Life and Physical Science Core 1 (030)*	Life and Physical Science Core 2 (030)*
Mathematics Core (020)*	Social and Behavioral Sciences Core (080)*
Year 2	
SPAN 2311 Intermediate Spanish I	SPAN 2312 Intermediate Spanish II
GOVT 2305 (070)* Federal Government	GOVT 2306 (070)* Texas Government
Creative Arts Core (050)*	Language, Philosophy and Culture Core (040)*
Elective	Elective
Component Area Option Core (090)*	Component Area Option Core (090)*

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Notes Regarding Institutional Exceptions or Special Cases:

Courses in the following representative sequence apply to lower-level requirements in **French** degrees across Houston GPS institutions without resulting in excess credit upon transfer. Course numbers provided are those in the Texas Common Course Numbering System.

Year 1	
FREN 1411 Beginning French I	FREN 1412 Beginning French II
ENGL 1301 (010)* Composition I	ENGL 1302 (010) Composition II*
HIST 1301 United States History I (060)*	HIST 1302 United States History II (060)*
Life and Physical Science Core 1 (030)*	Life and Physical Science Core 2 (030)*
Mathematics Core (020)*	Social and Behavioral Sciences Core (080)*
Year 2	
FREN 2311 Intermediate French I	FREN 2312 Intermediate French II
GOVT 2305 (070)* Federal Government	GOVT 2306 (070)* Texas Government
Creative Arts Core (050)*	Language, Philosophy and Culture Core (040)*
Elective	Elective
Component Area Option Core (090)*	Component Area Option Core (090)*

* Core Curriculum

Notes Regarding Institutional Exceptions or Special Cases:

PVAMU: FREN 1411 and 1412 fulfills Foreign Language requirement for General Studies; FREN 2311 and 2312 will count towards unrestricted electives for General Studies degree.