

REQUEST TO ADD OR CHANGE AN UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC CERTIFICATE PROGRAM AND/OR REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION ON THE UNIVERSITY TRANSCRIPTS¹

- Type of Proposal:** New Certificate Program
 Change an Existing Certificate Program
 Delete a Program

Note: If the certificate program proposed for addition or change includes a requirement of 21 to 24 semester credit hours, an additional form is required for THECB approval/notification.²

Proposed classification:³ Exclusive General Major

1. IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IS YES, THE COLLEGE MUST CONSULT LINDA DICKENS, DIRECTOR OF ACCREDITATION AND ASSESSMENT, TO DETERMINE IF SACSCOC APPROVAL IS REQUIRED.

- Is this a new transcript-recognized certificate program? Yes No
- Is this a request to delete an existing transcript-recognized certificate program? Yes No
- Does the certificate offer courses that will be taught off campus? Yes No
- Will courses in this program be delivered electronically? Yes No
- Will courses be developed specifically for the new certificate? Yes No

2. THIS PROPOSAL INVOLVES: (Please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Courses in other colleges | x | Courses in proposer's college that are frequently taken by students in other colleges | <input type="checkbox"/> Flags |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course in the core curriculum (not new ones) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Change in course sequencing for an existing program | <input type="checkbox"/> Courses that have to be added to the inventory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change in admission requirements (external or internal) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Requirements not explicit in the catalog language (e.g., lists of acceptable courses maintained by department office) | |

3. SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE:

- a. Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? Yes No
If yes, then how?
- b. Do you anticipate a net change in the number of students in your college? Yes No
If yes, how many more (or fewer) students do you expect?
- c. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from outside of your college taking classes in your college? Yes No
If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.
- d. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from your college taking courses in other colleges? Yes No
If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.

If 3 a, b, c, or d was answered with yes, please answer the following questions. If the proposal has potential budgetary impacts for another college/school, such as requiring new sections or a non-negligible increase in the number of seats offered, at least one contact must be at the college-level.

How many students do you expect to be impacted?

Impacted schools must be contacted and their response(s) included:

Person communicated with:

College approval date: 4/05/19 Approved by whom: COLA Curriculum Design &
Assessment Cmte
Dean approval date: 4/25/17 Approved by whom: COLA Faculty

Core Texts and Ideas Certificate

The certificate program in core texts and ideas is designed to provide a coherent path through the University's core curriculum with an integrated, interdisciplinary sequence of courses on great works of philosophy, literature, science, and the arts that emphasizes debates about fundamental questions of enduring human concern. The program provides a grounding in the major ideas that have shaped the Western world and gives students the opportunity to study Eastern works as well. Students complete courses in four required areas and two elective areas. The four required areas are the philosophy and literature of the ancient world, especially Greece; ~~basic texts of major world religions~~ major religious texts and their interpreters; the history of political philosophy; and the principles that formed the basis for the founding of the United States. Elective areas include philosophy, the arts, history, literature, and the history and philosophy of science and mathematics.

The certificate program requires 18 semester hours of coursework, including at least 6 hours of upper division coursework and at least 12 hours completed in residence. Students must fulfill the following requirements:

1. The requirements of an undergraduate major
2. The following 12 semester hours of coursework:
 - a ~~Philosophy and literature of the ancient world: Core Texts and Ideas 301, Ancient Philosophy and Literature~~ 301G Introduction to Ancient Greece
 - b ~~History of political philosophy: Core Texts and Ideas 302 Classics of Social and Political Thought or Core Texts and Ideas 303, Competing Visions of the Good Life~~
 - c ~~Basic texts of major world religions: Core Texts and Ideas 304 World Religions: Traditions and Texts~~
 - d ~~Principles of the founding of the United States: Government 312P Constitutional Principles: Core Texts~~
or approved alternatives as listed on the CTI Certificate Plan
3. Six additional semester hours of coursework chosen from a list of approved electives. ~~available from the academic adviser in the Thomas Jefferson Center for Core Texts and Ideas~~

All courses must be taken on the letter-grade basis.

Each semester a list of approved alternatives to the courses in the four required areas is The Certificate Plan and list of approve electives for each semester are

available from the academic adviser in the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Study of Core Texts and Ideas.

Please include a draft of the catalog copy immediately following the above form. If this is an update of an existing copy, the draft should be based on the text of the current catalog available at: <http://catalog.utexas.edu/undergraduate/>. **Strike through and replace (with underlines) only the specific language to be changed. Do NOT use track changes, and do not include hyperlinks in the catalog copy.** Submit form electronically to the Office of the General Faculty and Faculty Council at fc@austin.utexas.edu. For questions on completing this section, please contact Victoria Cervantes, fc@austin.utexas.edu, 471-5934 or Brenda Schumann, brenda.schumann@austin.utexas.edu, 475-7654.

¹ **Minimum Criteria for Certificate Recognition on the Transcript:**

- a) The transcript-recognized undergraduate academic certificate program must be completed in conjunction with or within one year of completion of an undergraduate degree at The University of Texas at Austin; students pursuing an integrated undergraduate/graduate program must complete the requirements for the certificate within one year after completing the undergraduate requirements of their program. A maximum of nine credit hours in the certificate program may be taken after completion of the undergraduate degree.
- b) Transcript-recognized undergraduate academic certificate programs must require a minimum of eighteen hours of certificate course work, but not more than twenty-four hours.
- c) At least half of the required coursework in the certificate program must be completed in residence at The University of Texas at Austin.
- d) A student may **not** earn a certificate in the same field of study as his or her major, and at least one course required in the certificate program must be outside the requirements of the major. However, courses in the certificate program outside the major may fulfill other degree requirements such as general education requirements or required elective hours.
- e) Students apply for transcript recognized undergraduate academic certificates at the time they complete their undergraduate degree or the certificate program, whichever comes later. Transcript recognition is awarded at that time.

² To add a certificate program that requires 21 to 24 SCH's OR to increase the number of hours of an existing certificate program from 20 or less to 21 to 24 SCH's, complete the [THECB Certificate Program Certification Form](#) and submit it to the provost's office, lydia.cornell@austin.utexas.edu. To change the number of required hours for certificates currently requiring 21 to 24 SCH's, complete the [THECB Request to Change Semester Credit Hours Form](#) and submit it to the provost's office, lydia.cornell@austin.utexas.edu. Certificate programs that require 20 or fewer SCH's do not require THECB forms.

³ **EXCLUSIVE:** of *exclusive* application and of primary interest only to a single college or school ("no protest" period is *seven calendar days*); **GENERAL:** of *general* interest to more than one college or school (but not for submission to the General Faculty) ("no protest" period is *fourteen calendar days*); *major* legislation must be submitted to the General Faculty for adoption ("no protest" period is *fourteen calendar days*).

⁴ Use the federal CIP code selector site to pick a code, <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode>. After all other areas of this form are completed, forward a copy to the Office of Institutional Reporting, Research, and Information Systems (IRRIS) IRRIS_data_request@utlists.utexas.edu with a request to verify the CIP code ("CIP CODE" in the subject line). Include your contact information, so an IRRIS member may contact you with any questions.

⁵ Include heading in *Undergraduate Catalog* where changes will be made.

⁶ See footnote 1b above: 18 to 24 hours are required. See footnote 2 above for THECB requirements if over 20 hours.

⁷ For inclusion on transcripts, the faculty committee must have a minimum of five members and at least 2/3 of the committee must be tenured or tenure-track.

Note with an asterisk those faculty members who are tenured or tenure-track. Please also note the program chair who will be responsible for authorizing the students' certificates. Specify changes to the committee

membership by noting those no longer on the committee and those added to the committee. (*Add and delete rows as needed.*)

⁸ Note with an asterisk (*) courses that would be added if the certificate program is approved. Specify changes to the qualifying courses by noting those no longer qualifying and those now qualifying. (*Add and delete rows as needed.*) If the course numbers and titles change on a regular basis, please indicate the types of courses and number of hours for required for each. Note with a hashtag (#) courses that require a prerequisite and provide the prerequisite course numbers.

⁹ Semester Credit Hours.