

Memorandum

To: Undergraduate Committee

From: Dr. Diana Velez, Director

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Ref.: Requiring UScholars transfer students with 15 or fewer credits to enroll in Core 1101

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UScholars seeks to require all admitted UScholars transfer students who are transferring 15 or fewer credit hours to enroll in Core 1101 in their first semester at UH. This policy is consistent with the current requirement that UH FTIC's transferring into UScholars in the Spring of their first year with 15 or fewer credits must take Core 1101. In essence both populations are freshmen with 15 or fewer hours and as UScholars freshmen part of their preparation for the declaration of a major and student success in this unit is their enrollment in Core 1101.

Below is the current catalog language regarding transfer students at UScholars. In blue are changes we are proposing that will require UScholars transfer students transferring 15 or fewer credits to enroll in the college success course, Core 1101.

Undeclared Major

Undergraduate Scholars at UH (UScholars) offers a wide range of services and programs including academic advising, college success program, and support services designed to assist undergraduate students during the critically important first year university experience.

Students who have not declared a major at the point of admission to UH will be offered assistance through Undergraduate Scholars at UH (UScholars) that will help them later make an informed decision about a major field of study. All freshmen students will declare a major by the beginning of their sophomore year (30 credit hours), if they have not already done so.

Newly admitted undeclared transfer students

- with less than 30 credit hours are to choose a major within their second semester, prior to registration for their third semester courses.
- with 30-44 credit hours are to choose a major within their first semester at UH, prior to registration for 2nd semester courses.
- with 45 or more credit hours are to choose a major prior to attending UH (i.e., these students will only be accepted into UH with a major).

While at UScholars transfer students with more than 15 transferred hours are required to seek vocational and career counseling to identify appropriate fields of interest, meet with their designated advisors at Undergraduate Scholars at UH to discuss potential majors, and consult with college and departmental advisors concerning major requirements. Students transferring 15 or

fewer credits are required to take Core 1101, college success seminar, which provides materials and information that will help them identify a major. During this period these students will establish a University of Houston grade point average that will allow them to declare a major field of study.

Undergraduate Scholars at UH (UScholars) is also the source for TSI screening and information. All students who are not TSI complete must enroll in the respective developmental course(s) during their first semester(s) at UH. Students have to earn passing grades in development courses before they can enroll in college level courses in that particular area. For information about Undergraduate Scholars at UH call 832-842-2100, visit room 56 University Libraries, (via the back entrance to [M.D. Anderson Library](#), across from the University Center) during regular office hours, or access the Web site at <http://uscholars.uh.edu/>.

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