

EXPLORATORY STUDIES NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION GUIDEBOOK

SUMMER & FALL
2023



Welcome New Coog!

Exploratory Studies provides undeclared students with academic support and course advisement during your first year at UH. Review our guidebook and learn what it takes to become a successful student this 2023 - 2024 academic year!

www.uh.edu/ussc/exploratorystudies/

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About Us

Exploratory Studies

Our advising team is committed to your success.

We know that as a new student in college, you have TONS of questions. Guess what? The Exploratory Studies team is here to help!

Exploratory Studies is a **short-term preparatory major** that gives you time to reflect on your interests, consider your options and make an informed decision on the major for YOU.

As an Exploratory Studies major, you receive:

- Help in exploring UH majors and programs
- Access to enroll in **CORE 1101: College Success** (offered fall semester only)
- Opportunities for career counseling
- Individualized major and career plans
- Academic support workshops
- Referrals to campus resources
- Online assistance via our virtual helpdesk
- and More....

For information about Exploratory Studies New Student Orientation, please visit our website, <https://uh.edu/ussc/exploratorystudies/orientation/>.

Advisor Spotlight

Meet Your Academic Advisors!



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We look forward to helping you plan your course schedule during New Student Orientation!

Common UH Terms

Academic Advising

Process in which students interact with UH staff members in decision-making, problem-solving, and short/long-range planning related to their academic goals, such as declaring a major.

AccessUH

AccessUH is your gateway to UH information and computing resources. Log into AccessUH with your CougarNet or myUH (PeopleSoft) UserID and password and you will get immediate access to other critical systems that you use on a daily basis.

Core Curriculum

General Education courses that must be taken by candidates for any bachelor's degree at the University of Houston (*Ex: ENGL 1301 - First Year Writing I*).

Course Load

The number of semester hours for which a student enrolls in a given term (*Ex: UHin4 students must carry a course load of at least 15 credit hours for the fall semester*).

Major

Primary field of study (*Ex: My major is Psychology*).

Minor

Secondary field of study (*Ex: My major is Psychology, but my minor is in Sociology*).

Negative Service Indicator

A hold placed on an account that prevents students from receiving certain services (such as course enrollment) pending resolution of any academic or financial issue (*Ex: I can't register in classes because of my orientation hold*).

Prerequisite

Requirement to be met before a certain course may be taken. (*Ex: CHEM 1311 has a prerequisite of Math 2312 or equivalent*).

Enrollment Checklist

1



Resolve enrollment holds such as [Bacterial Meningitis](#) or [TSI](#).

2



Take the [Math Placement Exam](#) if required for your intended major.

3



Use the [academic maps](#) to plan your course schedule for the semester.

4



Confirm your courses with [academic advisors](#) during orientation.

5



Enroll in courses through [accessUH](#).
That's it! You're done!

Math Placement

UH Math Placement is an exam used to determine if you are ready to enroll in a specific math course such as **Calculus 1** or **Pre-calculus**.

If you have prior college-level math credit, you are **not** required to take math placement unless you would like to assess your readiness for these particular math courses.

Students planning to declare a major in the following colleges should take the online math placement exam: College of Engineering, Natural Sciences and Mathematics (NSM), and Technology Division ([see the specific major for required math course](#)).

All other majors do not have to take math placement (Example: Nursing).

Click [Math Placement FAQ](#) for info!

Calculus 1 - MATH 2413

Score Chart

Score	Placement
80 and higher	Calculus 1
79 - 65	Pre-calculus
64 and lower	No Placement - Take Pre-calculus Placement Exam

Pre-Calculus - MATH 2312

Score Chart

Score	Placement
65 and higher	Pre-calculus
64 and lower	No Placement - Enroll in College Algebra

Core Curriculum

The Texas Core Curriculum consists of 42 semester credit hours (SCH) of general education courses required of all undergraduate students in Texas.

All bachelor's degrees from UH require completion of the Texas-state mandated 42 hour Core Curriculum.

You must meet the credit hour requirements for all 10 of the component areas. Please refer to the chart below for specific UH core areas.

AREA	CREDIT HOURS
Communication	6 hours
Mathematics	3 hours
Life and Physical Sciences	6 hours
Language, Philosophy & Culture	3 hours
Creative Arts	3 hours
American History	6 hours
Government/Political Science	6 hours
Social & Behavioral Sciences	3 hours
Mathematics/Reasoning	3 hours
Writing in the Disciplines	3 hours
Total	42 hours

Note: Required courses for core Mathematics, Mathematics/Reasoning, Life and Physical Sciences, Social & Behavioral Sciences, and Writing in the Disciplines may vary by major. Refer to your academic map for specific core courses, when applicable.

Academic Maps

The UH Academic Maps are guides for planning courses towards a timely graduation. Meet regularly with academic advisors to plan your course schedule.



Start with Year 1 for course options

YEAR 1	Semester 1 Fall			Semester 2 Spring			Total	
	ENGL 1301	First Year Writing I (010)*	3	ENGL 1302	First Year Writing II (010)*	3		
	MATH 1324	Finite Math with App (020)*/**	3	ECON 2301	Prin of Macroecon (080)*/**	3		
	HIST 1301	The United States to 1877 (060)*	3	HIST 1302	United States Since 1877 (060)*	3		
	BCIS 1305	Business Computer Apps**	3	ACCT 2301	Principles of Financial Acct**/***	3		
	BUSI 1301	Business Principles**	3	BUSI 2305	Business Statistics (090)*/**	3		
Semester Hours			15	Semester Hours			15	30

YEAR 2	Semester 1 Fall			Semester 2 Spring			Total	
	ECON 2302	Principles of Microeconomics**	3	INTB 3355	Global Environment of Business	3		
	GOVT 2305	US Gov: Congress, Pres & Ct (070)*	3	GOVT 2306	US & Tx Con & Politics (070)*	3		
	ACCT 2302	Principles of Managerial Acct**/***	3	ACCT 3367	Intermediate Accounting I	3		
	ACCT 3366	Financial Reporting Frameworks	3	ACCT 3377	Cost Accounting	3		
	BUSI 3302	Connecting Bauer to Business	3	MANA 3335	Intro to Org Behavior & Mgt	3		
Semester Hours			15	Semester Hours			15	30

YEAR 3	Semester 1 Fall			Semester 2 Spring			Total	
	MARK 3336	Introduction to Marketing	3	MARK 3337	Professional Selling	3		
	ACCT 3368	Intermediate Accounting II	3	FINA 3332	Principles of Finance	3		
	ACCT 3371	Accounting Information Systems	3	ACCT 4335	Financial Statement Auditing	3		
	CORE	Life & Physical Science I (030)*	3	CORE	Life & Physical Science II (030)*	3		
	CORE	Language, Phil, and Culture (040)*	3	CORE	Creative Arts (050)*	3		
Semester Hours			15	Semester Hours			15	30

YEAR 4	Semester 1 Fall			Semester 2 Spring			Total	
	ACCT 4331	Fed. Income Tax I - Individual	3	Adv Elec	3000-4000 level course	3		
	SCM 3301	SCM Fundamentals	3	Adv Elec	3000-4000 level course	3		
	BUSI 4350	Business Law and Ethics (090)*	3	Gen Elec	1000-4000 level course	3		
	Adv Bus Elec	3000-4000 level business course	3	Gen Elec	1000-4000 level course	3		
	Adv Elec	3000-4000 level course	3	Gen Elec	1000-4000 level course	3		
Semester Hours			15	Semester Hours			15	30
							120	

*Core Curriculum

**Business Administration and Management Field of Study

***Grade of C or higher in ACCT 2301 and ACCT 2302 are prerequisites for certain upper-level ACCT courses (consult the Catalog).

>3000-4000 level business courses, except for BUSI 3300, ENTR 3310, ENTR 3311, ENTR 3312, MARK 3337, MARK 3338, and MARK 4379 are not open to non-business majors unless required for their major, a business minor or special program; these students should take core courses instead.

>A change of major to business is not an option if requirements are not met by the end of semester in which 45 credit hours occurs.

>Students should meet with their academic advisor to formulate their own plan. Consult with your Academic Advisor for information on special programs and tracks in each major prior to taking electives.

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Exploratory Studies Orientation

Summer & Fall 2023

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Course Planning Worksheet for Fall 2023

This worksheet will help you plan a course schedule for your first semester in Exploratory Studies.

Step 1. Mark as complete any courses from the Basic Course requirements below.

The UH Core Curriculum is 42 credit hours. If you have completed with either AP or Dual credits, refer to your AP score report and/or college transcript. Receiving the minimum score or grade gives you credit for the course. *Choose from the list of approved courses at www.uh.edu/academics/corecurriculum.

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 1301 (3 hours) | <input type="checkbox"/> Life & Physical Science (3 hours)_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 1302 (3 hours) | <input type="checkbox"/> Life & Physical Science (3 hours)_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics (3 hours)_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Sciences (3 hours)_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Math/Reasoning (3 hours)_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> HIST 1301 (3 hours) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lang/Phil/Culture (3 hours)_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> HIST 1302 (3 hours) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Arts (3 hours)_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVT 2305 (3 hours) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing in the Disciplines (3 hours)_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVT 2306 (3 hours) |

Step 2. Plan your course schedule. Refer to the Academic Map of your intended major for course options and any remaining courses from the Basic Course requirements in Step 1.

An academic advisor will confirm your schedule during orientation. **SEE BELOW.**

Fall Schedule Example (this will vary by intended major)			My Schedule for Fall 2023 (write courses HERE)		
CORE 1101	College Success	1			
ENGL 1301	First Year Writing I	3			
MATH 1314	College Algebra	3			
HIST 1301	The US to 1877	3			
GOVT 2305	US Government: Congress, President, & Courts	3			
Major OR CORE	Ex: PSYC 2301 - Intro to Psychology	3			
Total Credit Hours		16	Total Credit Hours		

Intended Major: _____

Step 3. Enroll in courses. Sign-in to accessUH once your enrollment holds are cleared to begin registration for the upcoming semester. Follow-up with an Exploratory Studies academic advisor for additional questions.

Name: _____

ID: _____

Advisor Name: _____

Date: _____

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Course Planning Worksheet for Fall 2023

The courses below may be taken by any student that has satisfied prerequisites.

Common Courses for Pre-business Majors

- **ACCT 2301:** Principles of Financial Accounting
- **ACCT 2302:** Principles of Managerial Accounting
- **BCIS 1305:** Business Computer Applications
- **BUSI 1301:** Business Principles
- **BUSI 2305:** Business Statistics
- **ECON 2301:** Principles of Macroeconomics*
- **ECON 2302:** Principles of Microeconomics*
- **MATH 1324:** Finite Math with Applications*

Bauer Pathways RSVP:

<https://bauer.uh.edu/businesspathway/>

BBA Info Sessions:

<https://www.bauer.uh.edu/BBAInfoSessions/>

General Information, contact:

bba@uh.edu

Note: Refer to the Academic Maps for additional options.

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Common Courses for Engineering Majors

- **ENGI 1100:** Introduction to Engineering
- **ENGI 1331:** Computing for Engineers
- **CHEM 1311:** Fundamentals of Chemistry*
- **CHEM 1111:** Fundamentals of Chemistry Lab
- **MATH 2413:** Calculus I*
- **MATH 2414:** Calculus II*
- **PHYS 2325:** University Physics I*

Q&A Sessions:

<https://www.egr.uh.edu/students/information-sessions>

Major Requirements:

<https://www.egr.uh.edu/academics/admissions/requirements>

Note: Refer to the Academic Maps for additional options.

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Common Courses for NSM Majors

- **BIOL 1306:** Introduction to Biological Science I*
- **BIOL 1106:** Introduction to Biological Science I Lab
- **CHEM 1311:** Fundamentals of Chemistry*
- **CHEM 1111:** Fundamentals of Chemistry Lab
- **GEOL 1303:** Physical Geology*
- **MATH 2413:** Calculus I*
- **MATH 2414:** Calculus II*
- **PHYS 2325:** University Physics I

Major Requirements:

<https://www.uh.edu/nsm/students/undergraduate/change-major/>

SEP Math and Science Workshops:

<https://uh.edu/nsm/scholar-enrichment/workshops/>

Note: Refer to the Academic Maps for additional options.

*Core Curriculum

Common Courses for Other Majors

- **ARCH 2350:** History of the Built Environment* (ARCH)
- **COMM 1303:** Writing for Communicators (COMM)
- **DIGM 1300:** Introduction to Digital Media (DIGM)
- **HLT 1353:** Personal Health (Health)
- **KIN 1352:** Foundations of Kinesiology (KIN)
- **PSYC 2301:** Introduction to Psychology* (PSYC)
- **SOCI 1301:** Introduction to Sociology* (SOC)
- **NUTR 2332:** Introduction to Human Nutrition* (NUTR)

Academic Advisors (by specific college & major):

<https://www.uh.edu/provost/students/advising/index>

Academic Maps:

<https://www.uh.edu/provost/students/new-coogs/uhin4/maps/>

*Core Curriculum

Majors and Minors:

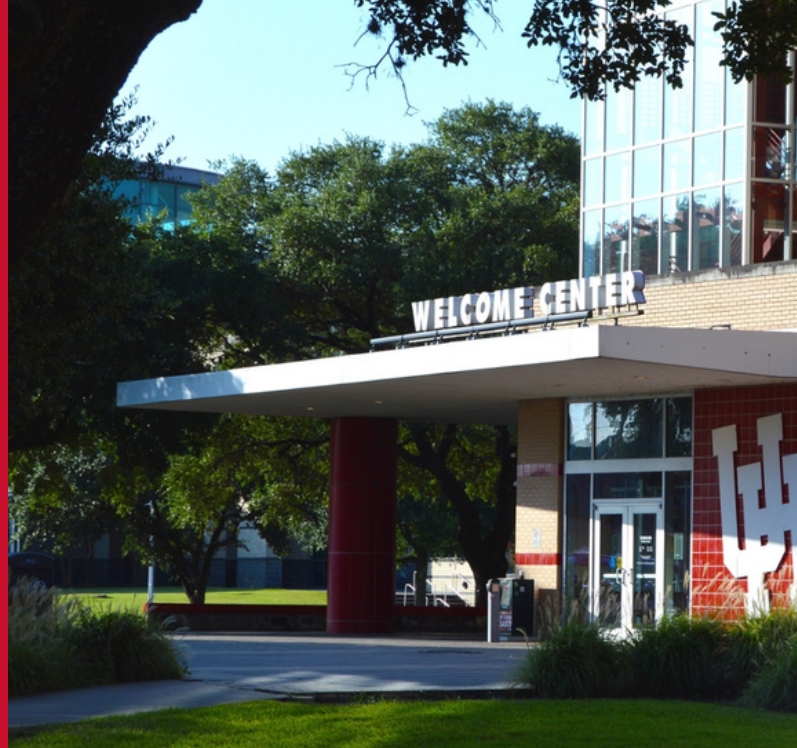
<https://uh.edu/academics/majors-minors/>

Notes:

Have College Credit?

Make sure that you submit your scores and/or transcripts to UH.

See below for information!



AP CREDIT

- UH Office of Admissions manages transfer credit for AP (advance placement) exams only, as well as Credit by Exam listed on a student's transcript from another college or university.
- Ensure that scores are sent directly to UH through the College Board website (UH School Code: 6870).
- This year's scores may not post into your accessUH account until July. Check to see if your scores have been received!



DUAL / TRANSFER

- UH awards transfer credit for college-level coursework with grades of C- or better.
- Send your official college transcript to UH (preferably electronically).
- High schools will not send your dual or transfer credit for you!



View test scores & transcripts in accessUH: Academic Record > View Transfer Credit Report

Print a copy of your scores & transcripts, and bring it to orientation!



Questions?

Call: 713-743-1010, option 4

Email for information:
admissions@uh.edu

accessUH...GRANTED

How do I login to accessUH? It's very easy!

1. Visit access.uh.edu for the login page. Tip: Save the site to your favorites!

The screenshot shows the accessUH login page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the AccessUH logo and links for 'List of Services', 'About AccessUH', 'AccessUH Support', and 'Like to see a new service?'. Below the navigation bar, there are several banners. The first banner is a red one with the text 'Beef up your CV !!! FREE Computing Courses Starting June - 10 Enroll Now! Python, R, Machine Learning and more @uh.edu/cacds/education/courses/'. The second banner is a yellow one with the text 'Security Alert: Job Scam Emails Reported at UH - Job Scam Emails Reported at UH (May 01, 2019 @ 6:00am)'. Below the banners, there is a 'Help' section with links for 'AccessUH FAQs', 'Change/Reset CougarNet Password', 'Reset myUH Password', 'Chat with IT Support', and 'Call 713-743-1411'. To the right of the help section is the login form, which has two tabs: 'CougarNet Login' and 'MyUH Login'. The 'CougarNet Login' tab is selected, and there is a red arrow pointing to the 'CougarNet Username' field with the text 'Log in with your CougarNet ID'. Below the login form is a 'Recently Applied at UH?' section. To the right of the login form is a 'Current Phishing Scams Reported at UH' section with the text 'Stay informed about email phishing on campus' and a red arrow pointing to the section.

2. Next, click on your **myUH Self-Service** to begin searching for courses & more!

The screenshot shows the accessUH dashboard. At the top, there is a 'Personalized greeting' section with the text 'Welcome, Joe Cougar!' and a 'Logged in via CougarNet. Your password expires in 103 day(s). Change CougarNet password.' message. To the right of the greeting is a 'Logout' button. Below the greeting is a 'University Services' section with a grid of icons for various services: Blackboard Learn, CASA, CougarCard, EAB Navigate, FIX-IT, Get Involved, ICON, MealPlan, MyPhoto, Office 365, Register My WiFi Device, Software Download, Student Training, UH Network Test, University Career Services, myParking Account, and myUH Self-Service. A red arrow points to the 'myUH Self-Service' icon with the text 'One password access to UH technology resources'. At the top right of the dashboard is a 'Password expiration reminder' section with a red arrow pointing to the 'Change CougarNet password.' message. Below the password expiration reminder is a 'If missing an icon, click here to refresh' section with a red arrow pointing to a refresh icon.

Important Dates

Visit the [UH Academic Calendars](#) for important dates by semester.



Summer 2023 - Session 1 (Regular)

Monday, June 5: First day of classes

Tuesday, June 6: Last day to add a class

Thursday, June 8: Last day to drop a course or withdraw without receiving a grade

Tuesday, July 18: Last day to drop a course or withdraw with a 'W'

Tuesday, August 9: Last day of class

Fall 2023 - Session 1 (Regular)

Monday, August 21: First day of classes

Monday, August 28: Last day to add a class

Wednesday, September 6: Last day to drop a course or withdraw without receiving a grade

Wednesday, November 15: Last day to drop a course or withdraw with a 'W'

Saturday, December 2: Last day of class



Student Resources

As a new Coog, you should become familiar with your campus resources.
See these helpful websites below for information!

Change of Major

- [Arts \(also includes Music, and Theatre and Dance\)](#)
- [Architecture](#)
- [Business](#)
- [Education](#)
- [Engineering](#)
- [Global Hospitality Leadership](#)
- [Liberal Arts and Social Sciences](#)
- [Natural Sciences and Mathematics](#)
- [Nursing](#)
- [Public Policy](#)
- [Technology](#)

Additional

- [Areas of Pre-Health Advising](#)
- [Career Counseling](#)
- [Career Resources](#)
- [Center for Academic Support and Assessment \(CASA\)](#)
- [Costs and Financial Aid](#)
- [Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#)
- [Course Descriptions](#)
- [Dart Student Accessibility Center](#)
- [LAUNCH](#)
- [NSM Student Resources](#)
- [Parking and Transportation](#)
- [SEP Math and Science Workshops](#)
- [Student Resources](#)
- [Testing Services](#)
- [Writing Center](#)

My Notes

Use the free space below to write any notes that will help you prepare for orientation.
Print your notes and ask us questions during the academic college meeting!