Action Item No. 3 Board Meeting 11/11/26

Consider Approval of Revised Core Curriculum

Staff is requesting Board review and approval of the College's core curriculum. All courses within this core curriculum comply with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board rules in that they:

(A) are foundational and fundamental to a sound postsecondary education;

(B) are necessary to prepare students for civic and professional life;

(C) equip students for participation in the workforce and in the betterment of society; and

(D) ensure a breadth of knowledge in compliance with applicable accreditation standards.

This curriculum has been reviewed by the Curriculum Committee and aligns with statutory requirements in Texas Education Code, §51.315 (b)(1) - (4), and Texas Administrative Code, §4.28, Core Curriculum. Board review and approval will fulfill the initial curriculum review requirement established by Senate Bill 37 (89th Legislature), which requires governing boards to complete their review and certify compliance by January 1, 2027.

Staff recommends Board approval of the following core curriculum.

CORE COMPONENT	**Credit Hours**
Communication	**6**
ENGL 1301 Composition I ENGL 1302 Composition II	
Mathematics	**3**
MATH 1314 College Algebra MATH 1324 Mathematics for Business & Social Sciences I MATH 1325 Mathematics for Business & Social Sciences II MATH 1332 Contemporary Mathematics I MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods MATH 2312 Precalculus Math MATH 2413 Calculus I MATH 2414 Calculus II PSYC 2317 Statistical Methods in Psychology	
Life & Physical Sciences	**6**
BIOL 1322 Nutrition & Diet Therapy I BIOL 1406 Biology for Science Majors I BIOL 1407 Biology for Science Majors II BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I	

BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II
BIOL 2421 Microbiology
CHEM 1405 Introductory Chemistry I
CHEM 1411 General Chemistry I
CHEM 1412 General Chemistry II
CHEM 2423 Organic Chemistry I
CHEM 2425 Organic Chemistry II
ENVR 1301 Environmental Science I
ENVR 1302 Environmental Science II
KINE 1301 Introduction to Kinesiology
PHYS 1401 College Physics I
PHYS 1402 College Physics II
PHYS 1410 Elementary Physics
PHYS 2425 University Physics I
PHYS 2426 University Physics II

Language, Philosophy, & Culture **3**

ARTS 1304 Art History II
DRAM 2361 History of Theatre I
DRAM 2362 History of Theatre II
ENGL 2322 British Literature I
ENGL 2323 British Literature II
ENGL 2327 American Literature I
ENGL 2328 American Literature II
ENGL 2332 World Literature I
ENGL 2333 World Literature II
HIST 2311 Western Civilization I
HIST 2312 Western Civilization II
HUMA 1302 Introduction to the Humanities II
PHIL 1301 Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 2306 Introduction to Ethics
PHIL 2307 Introduction to Social & Political Philosophy
SPAN 2311 Intermediate Spanish I
SPAN 2312 Intermediate Spanish II

Creative Arts **3**

ARTS 1301Art Appreciation
ARTS 1303 Art History I
COMM 2366/DRAM 2366 Development of the Motion Picture I
DRAM 1310 Introduction to Theater
HUMA 1301 Introduction to the Humanities I
MUSI 1306 Music Appreciation
MUSI 1310 American Music

American History **6**

HIST 1301 United States History I
HIST 1302 United States History II
HIST 2301 Texas History

Governance/Political Science **6**

GOVT 2305 Federal Government
GOVT 2306 Texas Government

Social & Behavioral Sciences **3**

CRIJ 1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice
CRIJ 1307 Crime in America
ECON 2301 Principles of Macroeconomics
ECON 2302 Principles of Microeconomics
KINE 1304 Personal/Community Health I
KINE 1346 Drug Use & Abuse
PSYC 2301 General Psychology
SOCI 1301 Introductory Sociology
SOCI 1306 Social Problems

Component Area Option **6**

Select two of the following courses not found in previous categories or use excess credit hours from course listed above:

ENGL 2311 Technical and Business Writing
ENVR 1101 Environmental Science Lab I
ENVR 1102 Environmental Science Lab II
MATH 2415 Calculus III
PHED 1164/KINE 1164 Intro to Physical Fitness & Sport
PSYC 1300/EDUC 1300 Learning Frameworks
PSYC 2306 Human Sexuality
PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development
PSYC 2319 / SOCI 2326 Social Psychology
SOCI 2301 Marriage & the Family
SOCI 2319 Multicultural Studies
SPCH 1311 Introduction to Speech Communication
SPCH 1315 Public Speaking
SPCH 1318 Interpersonal Communication
SPCH 1321 Business & Professional Communication

TOTAL CORE CURRICULM **42 credits**