

H. CORE CURRICULUM OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

Students entering Darton State College for transfer programs are assured that the first two years of study will apply toward virtually any field of study that may be chosen.

Adoption of a six-area Core Curriculum by the University System of Georgia was implemented beginning with the Fall Semester, 1998. This new core has enhanced transferability across the University System. The six areas of the new Core Curriculum are: A--Basic Skills (9 hours); B--Institutional Options (4 hours); C--Humanities/Fine Arts (6 hours); D--Science, Mathematics, and Technology (11 hours); E--Social Sciences (12 hours); and F--Courses Related to the Program of Study (18 hours). There will be a total of 60 semester hours of credit in the core, and the 42 semester credit hours of Areas A-E may apply to virtually any field of study. On the following pages are detailed programs of study specifically offered at this College. However, preparation for advanced study in any other subject area may be begun with confidence at Darton State College. Students who intend to pursue a four-year degree but are uncertain of the program they wish to follow should take the General Studies Program until they choose a plan of study.

The following specific provisions are to be adhered to in the implementation of the Core Curriculum:

1. Physical education requirements are to be over and above the Core Curriculum requirements of 60 hours.
2. Orientation requirements are to be over and above the Core Curriculum requirements of 60 hours.
3. Proficiency exemption examination in any of the Core Curriculum courses, when successfully passed at a home institution, will be honored by the receiving institution and credit accorded.
4. Nothing in this core should be construed to mean that any specific courses must be required. Rather, the intent of this Core Curriculum is that demonstrated achievement in the core area is determined by the institution where the core, or the fractional part thereof, is taken.
5. Each institution is to determine whether its own students satisfy the core requirements. This determination shall then be honored by all other institutions as satisfying their requirements as well, if the core is completed. If only a fractional part is completed at the home or initial institution, the receiving institution shall give full credit for those hours taken but shall determine which courses will be taken to satisfy its own requirements.
6. A B.A. degree at some institutions in the University System of Georgia requires foreign language credit through the intermediate level. A B.S. degree at some institutions in the University System of Georgia requires foreign language through the first intermediate course.
7. Critical Thinking Overlay-All Students must satisfy the critical thinking overlay. This requirement must be fulfilled by satisfactory completion of one of the following courses. This competency is usually satisfied in Area B or C.

COMM 1000	Cultural Diversity in Communication	2
COMM 1100	Human Communications	3
COMM 1110	Public Speaking	3

Students in degree programs following the Core Curriculum or in transfer degree programs must take and pass COMM 1000, COMM 1100, or COMM 1110 in order to satisfy the Critical Thinking overlay (Learning Goal III) of the established USG Core Curriculum.