

To: Provost Diane Chase

From: Core Curriculum Working Group

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Re: SB 37 Core Curriculum Working Group Recommendations

The Core Curriculum Working Group met five times for extended working sessions to evaluate courses currently in the core curriculum for compliance with SB 37 requirements. This evaluation included a review of course and catalogue descriptions as well as the current syllabus for those courses currently listed in the core curriculum at the University of Houston. Applying the working evaluation rubric, titled "SB 37 Core Course Evaluation Framework", attached hereto, and applying a reasonable-person standard, the committee carried out its course-by-course evaluation through each foundational component area, including Communication; Mathematics; Life and Physical Sciences; Language, Philosophy and Culture; Creative Arts; American History; Government/Political Science; Social and Behavioral Sciences; Math/Reasoning; and Writing in the Disciplines. This was a deliberative process of the interdisciplinary Working Group, and the recommendations below include our collective input and support for meeting all four criteria as set out in the rubric.

What follows are courses in two categories, those we recommend maintaining their presence in the core curriculum and those we recommend moving to the non-core category. It should be noted that those we recommend moving to non-core are based only on what the course description and syllabus currently contain. A department/college may wish to redesign courses to align with SB 37 requirements and resubmit them for consideration for inclusion in the core through standard Faculty Council Curriculum Committee processes.

1. Courses to Remain in the Core Curriculum

Communication (6 SCH)

ENGL 1301 - First Year Writing I

ENGL 1302 - First Year Writing II

ENGL 1370 - Freshman Composition II-Honors

ENGL 2361 - Western World Lit II-Honors

Mathematics (3 SCH)

MATH 1314 - College Algebra

MATH 1324 - Finite Math with Applications

MATH 1325 - Calculus for Business and Social Sciences

MATH 1332 - Contemporary Mathematics

MATH 1342 - Elementary Statistical Methods

MATH 1351 - Introduction to Geometric Reasoning

MATH 2312 - Precalculus

MATH 2413 - Calculus I

MATH 2450 - Accelerated Calculus I

Life and Physical Sciences (6 SCH)

ANTH 2301 - Introduction to Physical Anthropology

BIOL 1306 - Biology for Science Majors I

BIOL 1307 - Biology for Science Majors II

BIOL 1308 - Biology for Non-Science Majors I

BIOL 1309 - Biology for Non-Science Majors II

BIOL 1319 - Human Genetics and Society (*recommend adding 'Introduction' to the title*)

BIOL 2315 - Biology of Food (*recommend a title review*)

CHEM 1305 - Foundations of Chemistry

CHEM 1311 - Fundamentals of Chemistry

CHEM 1312 - Fundamentals of Chemistry 2

CHEM 1321 - Honors Fundamentals of Chemistry 1

CHEM 1322 - Honors Fundamentals of Chemistry 2

GEOL 1303 - Physical Geology

GEOL 1304 - Historical Geology

GEOL 1305 - Environmental Science

GEOL 1340 - Earth Systems

GEOL 1347 - Introduction to Meteorology

GEOL 1370 - Natural Disasters¹

NUTR 1332 - Fundamentals of Human Nutrition

NUTR 2332 - Introduction to Human Nutrition

PHYS 1301 - College Physics I

PHYS 1302 - College Physics II

PHYS 1303 - Stars and Galaxies

PHYS 1304 - Solar System

PHYS 2325 - University Physics I

PHYS 2326 - University Physics II

¹ Recommend additional detail in the course description

Language, Philosophy and Culture (3 SCH)

AAS 2320 - Intro to African American Studies²

AMMS 2300 Introduction to Asia American Studies³

ARTS 1303 - Art History I

CHIN 3344 - Modern and Contemporary Global Chinese Lit.⁴

CLAS 3308 - Myths & Culture of the Greek Gods⁵

ENGL 2305 - Intro to Fiction

ENGL 2306 - Intro to Poetry

ENGL 2315 - Literature and Film

ENGL 2316 - Literature and Culture

ENGL 2324 - Writing the Arts⁶

GERM 3350 - 20th C. Through German Culture⁷

GERM 3364 - Writing Holocausts⁸

GSL 2351 - Global Cultural Studies: An Introduction

GSL 2352 - Global Cinema

GSL 2370 - Cultures of India

GSL 2380 - Jewish Civilization, Ancient to Modern

GSL 3351 - Introduction to Latino Cultural Studies⁹

HISP 2373 - Spanish Culture and Civilization

HISP 2374 - Spanish American Culture and Civilization

HISP 2375 - United States Hispanic Culture and Civilization

HIST 2311 - Western Civilization to 1450

HIST 2312 - Western Civilization from 1450

HIST 2313 - Global Civilization to 1500

HIST 2314 - Global Civilization since 1500

HIST 2321 - The Study of Early Civilizations

HIST 2322 - Modern Civilizations

HIST 2349 - Latina/o Jewish History

HIST 2357 - Modern South Asian History

HIST 2365 - African Civilizations since 1750

² Recommend course description to more clearly match SB 37 criteria

³ Moved from Social and Behavioral Sciences for consistency

⁴ Will become a 2000-level course Fall 2026

⁵ Will become a 2000-level course Fall 2026

⁶ Title to be revised

⁷ Will become a 2000-level course Fall 2026

⁸ Will become a 2000-level course Fall 2026; title to be revised to "Genocide"

⁹ Will become a 2000-level course Fall 2026

HIST 2366 - African Civilizations to 1750
HIST 2368 - Introduction to African Studies
HIST 2371 - Latin America 1492-1820
HIST 2372 - Latin American Hist. Since 1820
HIST 2374 - Popular Culture in Latin America
HON 2301 - Human Situation: Antiquity
IART 1300 - The Arts in Society¹⁰
ILAS 2350 - Knowledge and Methods
JWST 2380 - Jewish Civilization, Ancient to Modern
MAS 2340 - Introduction to Mexican American Studies
PHIL 1301 - Intro to Philosophy
PHIL 1305 - Intro to Ethics¹¹
RELS 1301 - Introduction to Religious Studies
RELS 2310 - Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament
RELS 2311 - Introduction to the New Testament
RELS 2336 - Jewish Civilization, Ancient to Modern

Creative Arts (3 SCH)

ARCH 2350 - History of the Built Environment I
ARED 2310 - Introduction to Critical Visual Culture
ARTS 1304 - Art History II
DANC 2303 - Introduction to Dance
DANC 2323 - Dance in Film and Cinematic Media
DANC 3310 - Dance History I
¹²DRAM 1310 - Introduction to Theatre
ENGL 2307 - Intro to Drama
INDS 2355 - Design History I
MUSI 1307 - Listening to Classical Music
MUSI 2302 - Listening to Jazz
MUSI 2362 - History of Music I¹³
MUSI 3301 - Listening to World Music¹⁴
PHIL 1361 - Philosophy and the Arts

¹⁰ Requires syllabus be adjusted to comply with HB 2405

¹¹ Requires syllabus be adjusted to comply with HB 2405

¹² Will become a 2000 level course Fall 2026

¹³ Requires syllabus be adjusted to comply with HB 2405

¹⁴ Will become a 2000-level course Fall 2026

American History (6 SCH)

HIST 1301 - The U.S. to 1877

HIST 1302 - The U.S. Since 1877

HIST 2301 - Texas History to 1865¹⁵

HIST 2327 - Chicano History to 1910

HIST 2328 - Chicano History since 1910

HIST 2330 - U.S. Women's History Since 1865

HIST 2348 - U.S. Latino/a Histories

HIST 2381 - African American History to 1865

HIST 2382 - African American History since 1865

Government/Political Science (6 SCH)

GOVT 2305 - US Government: Congress, President, & Courts

GOVT 2306 - US and Texas Constitution and Politics

POLS 1107 - Federal and Texas Constitution

POLS 2336 - US & TX Constitutions, Politics and Institutions

Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 SCH)

ANTH 2302 - Introduction to Archeology

ANTH 2346 - Introduction to Anthropology

ANTH 2351 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

ECON 2301 - Principles of Macroeconomics

ECON 2302 - Principles of Microeconomics

HDFS 2314 - Introduction to Human Development and Interventions

KIN 1304 - Public Health Issues in Physical Activity and Obesity

POLS 3311 - Introduction to Comparative Politics¹⁶

PSYC 2301 - Introduction to Psychology

PSYC 2307 - Psychology of Adolescence

PSYC 2308 - Child Development

SOCI 1301 - Introduction to Sociology

Math/Reasoning (Component Area Option A, 3 SCH)

BUSI 2305 - Business Statistics

COSC 1336 - Computer Science and Programming

¹⁵ Title to be changed to "Texas History"

¹⁶ Will become a 2000-level course Fall 2026

CUIN 1350 - Mathematics for Teachers¹⁷
MATH 1324 - Finite Math with Applications
MATH 1325 - Calculus for Business and Social Sciences
MATH 1342 - Elementary Statistical Methods
MATH 1351 - Introduction to Geometric Reasoning
MATH 2312 - Precalculus
MATH 2413 - Calculus I
MATH 2414 - Calculus II
MATH 2450 - Accelerated Calculus I
MATH 2451 - Accelerated Calculus II
PHIL 1321 - Logic I
PSYC 2317 - Introduction to Psychological Statistics

Writing in the Disciplines (Component Area Option B, 3 SCH)

ANTH 2304 - Intro to Language and Culture
CHIN 3344 - Modern and Contemporary Global Chinese Lit.¹⁸
DANC 2303 - Introduction to Dance
DANC 3310 - Dance History I¹⁹

ENGL 2321 - Writing, Technology and Social Media²⁰
ENGL 2330 – Writing in the Discipline of English
HDCS 1300 - Human Ecosystems and Technological Change²¹
HDFS 1300 - Development of Contemporary Families
HIST 2303 - The Historian's Craft
HIST 2360 - Introduction to the History of Science, Medicine, and Technology
HON 2341 - Classics of Modernity
IART 2300 - The Arts in Houston
PHIL 1334 - Minds and Machines
RELS 2340 - Lived Hindu Religion²²
RELS 2350 - Introduction to Islam

¹⁷ Recommend adjustment to the description

¹⁸ Will become a 2000-level course Fall 2026

¹⁹ Will become a 2000-level course Fall 2026

²⁰ Requires syllabus be adjusted to comply with HB 2405

²¹ Requires syllabus be adjusted to comply with HB 2405

²² Recommend a title change to "Introduction to Hinduism"

RELS 2360 - Buddhist Traditions: An Introduction²³

USS 1301 - College Success

Writing prerequisite. For retained courses that currently require ENGL 1302, the committee recommends allowing either completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, ENGL 1302, after consultation with the Provost.

2. Recommended to Move from the Core

** College/department requested removal from the core curriculum. The committee concurs and recommends accelerating the removal to fall 2026.*

Life and Physical Sciences (6 SCH)

GEOL 1302 - Intro to Global Climate Change

Language, Philosophy and Culture (3 SCH)

AAS 2330 - Black Liberation Theology

ARTH 1300 - Ways of Seeing: Art and Our Visual World

CHIN 3360 - A Look Into Modern China*

CLAS 3307 - Greek & Roman Myths of Heroes

CLAS 3374 - Women in the Ancient World*

ENGL 3306 - Shakespeare-Major Works*

ENGL 3327 - Masterpieces of British Lit. to Eighteenth Cent.*

ENGL 3328 - Masterpieces of British Lit. from Eighteenth Cent.*

ENGL 3350 - American Literature to 1865*

ENGL 3351 - American Literature Since 1865*

ETHN 2300 - Introduction to Ethnic Studies

ITAL 3306 - Italian Cinema

ITAL 3308 - Italian American Cinema

JWST 2372 - The Bible and Modern Pop Culture

JWST 3371 - Women in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament*

MAS 3340 - Mexican Amer. Urban Communities

POLS 3340 - Ancient and Medieval Political Thought*

POLS 3342 - Liberalism and Its Critics*

RELS 2372 - The Bible and Modern Pop Culture

²³ Recommend a title change to "Introduction to Buddhism"

RELS 3371 - Women in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament*

SPAN 3331 - Mexican American Literature

SPAN 3373 - Spanish Culture and Civilization*

SPAN 3374 - Spanish American Culture and Civilization*

SPAN 3375 - US Hispanic Culture and Civilization*

WGSS 2350 - Introduction to Women's Studies

WGSS 2360 - Introduction to LGBT Studies

Creative Arts (3 SCH)

CLAS 3381 - From Homer to Hollywood

CLAS 3345 - Myth & Performance in Greek Tragedy*

ENGL 2318 - Creation and Performance of Lit

GERM 3381 - History of German Cinema

GSL 3366 - Latin American and Latino Film Studies

HISP 2386 - The Arts of Spain

HISP 2387 - LatinAm: History Through Film

HIST 2386 - American History through Film

HON 3310 - Creativity at Work

MUED 2342 - Music for Children

POLS 2346 - Politics of Greek Theater

SPAN 3386 - Screen Memories: Spanish Culture Through Film

THEA 1332 - Fundamentals of Theatre

Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 SCH)

ENTR 3310 - Entrepreneurship

ENTR 3311 - Technology Entrepreneurship

HISP 2355 - Bilingualism, the Mind, and Society

LST 3354 - Law and Society*

GHL 2365 - Tourism

Mathematics (3 SCH)

BUSI 2305 – Business Statistics²⁴

Math/Reasoning (Component Area Option A, 3 SCH)

ELET 2300 - Introduction to C++ Programming

POLS 3312 - Arguments, Data, and Politics*

²⁴ Retained in Math/Reasoning only

POLS 3316 - Statistics for Political Scientists*

TMTH 3360 - Applied Technical Statistics

Writing in the Disciplines (Component Area Option B, 3 SCH)

ANTH 3348 - Anthropology of Religion

ANTH 3381 - Hindu Religion and Identity: A Global Movement

ARTH 3312 - Pre-Columbian Art

BCHS 4311 - Biochemistry Lab II

BIOL 3311 - Advanced Methods and Writing in Genetics Laboratory

BUSI 4350 - Business Law and Ethics

CHIN 3354 - Chinese Culture and Language*

CLAS 4381 - Love, Sex and Death in Roman Literature

ECON 3344 - History of Economic Doctrine

ENGI 2304 - Technical Communications for Engineers

ENGL 2350 - Writing the Global City

GHL 3358 - Hospitality Industry Law

GSL 3348 - Enlightenment Stories

GSL 4351 - Frames of Modernity I

GSL 4352 - Frames of Modernity II - Postmodernity and Globalization

GSL 4356 - Global Film and Film Theory

GSL 4365 - World Fiction and Reportage

GSL 4367 - Voices from Exile and Diaspora

HIST 2332 - Introduction to Law and Society in England 1200-1800

HIST 3314 - Liberals vs. Conservatives: FDR to Present

HIST 3341 - The History of Jewish Food

HIST 3344 - Drug History in Latin America

HIST 3351 - Work & Family in Modern Europe

HIST 3369 - Colonial Mexico

HON 3300 - Introduction to Healthcare Systems

HON 3310 - Creativity at Work

ITAL 3307 - Italian Renaissance

ITAL 3309 - Women Writers & Filmmakers of Modern Italy

ITAL 3333 - Women of the Italian Renaissance

ITAL 4308 - Dante and His World

JWST 3371 - Women in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament*

MAS 3345 - Latino Leadership, Activism & Organizing

MATH 4388 - History of Mathematics

MUSI 3303 - Pop Music of the Americas Since 1840
NURS 4312 - Leadership and Management in Professional Nursing Practice
PHYS 3313 - Advanced Laboratory I
POLS 3310 - Introduction to Political Theory
POLS 3348 - Left, Right, and Center
POLS 3349 - Foundations in American Political Thought
PSYC 2320 - Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 3310 - Industrial-Organizational Psychology
PSYC 4344 - Cultural Psychology
RELS 3370 - The Bible and Modern Science
RELS 3371 - Women in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament*
RELS 3381 - Hindu Religion and Identity: A Global Movement
SOC 3315 - Sexuality and Society
SOC 3351 - Social Class and Mobility in America
SOC 3360 - Sociology of Food
SPAN 3384 - Introduction to Hispanic Literature
THEA 2344 - American Drama
TLIM 3363 - Technical Communications