1. A student may satisfy specific core curriculum requirements by taking the approved core curriculum transfer courses that are listed in Appendix B. Courses equivalent to A&M-Corpus Christi’s core curriculum courses are identified by their common course numbers.

2. If a student successfully completes a core curriculum of 42 or more semester credit hours at a Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board recognized institution of higher education in Texas, and that core curriculum meets the specified “component area” requirements below, that block of courses may be transferred to this university and substituted for the core curriculum here. The student will not be required to take any additional core curriculum courses at this institution. The State of Texas has specified the following component area requirements:

   - 6 Credit Hours Communication (English Rhetoric/Composition)
   - 3 Credit Hours Mathematics
   - 6 Credit Hours Natural Science
   - 3 Credit Hours Visual and Performing Arts
   - 3 Credit Hours Humanities
   - 6 Credit Hours U.S. History
   - 6 Credit Hours Political Science (U.S. and Texas Government)
   - 3 Credit Hours Social/Behavioral Science
   - 6 Credit Hours Additional courses from the above categories and/or Institutionally Designated Option

3. If a student transfers from a Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board recognized public institution in Texas without having completed a 42 or more semester credit hour core curriculum, A&M-Corpus Christi will accept any completed “component area requirement” of the transferring schools’ core curricula as fulfillment of the equivalent requirement here. (For example, a student who has completed the transferring school’s visual and performing arts core curriculum requirement will be considered to have completed A&M-Corpus Christi’s visual and performing arts core curriculum requirement.)

4. A student who transfers from a Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board recognized private or out-of-state institution will receive academic credit for each of the acceptable courses that he or she has successfully completed in the core curriculum of the sending institution as long as these courses meet the state of Texas criteria for core curricula. Following receipt of credit for these courses, the Office of the University Registrar will determine the equivalency of those courses to the courses in A&M-Corpus Christi’s core curriculum. The student may be required to satisfy further course requirements in the core curriculum at A&M-Corpus Christi. Core curricula completed at Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board recognized private or out-of-state institutions will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

For further clarification see “Transfer Credit Policies” in the “General Academic Policies and Regulations” section of this catalog.

First-Year Seminar Requirement
All students who enter the University as full-time first-year students are required to register for First-Year Seminar, UCCP 1101 and UCCP 1102, as part of a Tetrad or Triad. (See the “University Core Curriculum Programs” section of the catalog.) Those who fail to complete this requirement during the first year will be required to fulfill the requirement prior to graduation.

Foreign Language Requirement
At least two high school credits in one foreign language or American Sign Language OR two semesters of study with passing grades in a single foreign language or American Sign Language at the college level are required for graduation from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. This requirement may be met by earning a CLEP or AP score equivalent to
one year of college-level foreign language study. If students decide to meet this requirement
by taking two semesters at this the University, an assessment test must be taken prior to
registering in order to be placed in the appropriate language course. Information regarding
the assessment tests and the foreign language courses that satisfy the university Foreign
Language Requirement can be obtained from the College of Liberal Arts, the College of
Liberal Arts “Baccalaureate Degree Requirements” section of the university undergraduate
catalog, or their website: http://cla.tamu.edu/advdegplan.htm#College.

International students who have successfully passed the Test of English as a Foreign
Language (TOEFL) with a score of 550 or higher or have successfully completed the English
as a Second Language International (ESLI) course of study may elect to choose English as
their second language to meet the above requirement. Additionally, international and natural-
ized students who have provided proof of completion of high school in a foreign language
(their native language) and who have successfully completed the English Composition and
Oral Communication components of the University Core Curriculum Program may choose
English as their second language to meet this requirement. English is considered to be the
first language for all other students.

Computer Literacy Requirement

It is essential that all students achieve computer literacy in order to function effectively
in our globalized high-tech society. All students at the University are required to develop
computer literacy prior to graduation. Each college has programs that include computer
literacy as a requirement for graduation which can be satisfied with one or more discipline
courses in a degree plan. In the rare case where a degree plan does not include computer
literacy within a course or courses, the requirement may be satisfied by the completion of
COSC 1315 Computer Literacy. The requirement may also be fulfilled by passing the A&M-
Corpus Christi computer literacy test.

College Degree Requirements

In addition to the University requirements, a student must meet the specific requirements
as determined by the college in which the degree will be awarded. Such requirements are
outlined in the college sections of this catalog.

Second Bachelor’s Degree

Students wishing to earn a second bachelor’s degree from Texas A&M University—Corpus
Christi must complete a minimum of 144 semester hours of credit, or 24 hours more than
those counted toward the bachelor’s degree that requires the higher number of credit hours. All
university, college, and major requirements must be met for each degree (see the information
on degree requirements in this chapter and in the sections for the relevant college and major).
Students must complete all degree requirements under a particular catalog (see “Graduation
Under a Particular Catalog” in the “Academic Policies” section of the catalog).

As for any student intending to have a degree conferred, students seeking multiple degrees
who plan to participate in a graduation exercise and/or receive a diploma must notify the
Office of the University Registrar by the deadline date indicated in the Class Schedule for
the semester in which they plan to have the degree or degrees awarded.

Academic Major

A minimum of 24 semester hours in a defined course of study must be completed for a
major. Specific majors may require completion of additional hours. See the college sections
of the catalog for the specific requirements of particular majors.

Double Major

Colleges may provide the opportunity for a student to earn a double major while working
toward his or her first undergraduate degree. Both majors must lead to the same baccalaure-
ate degree (e.g., BA, BS, or BBA). A student who completes the requirements for a degree
with a double major will be awarded ONE degree (with both majors indicated) and will
receive ONE diploma. Because only one degree is granted for the double major, students