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## Academic Partnerships: Services to help your student be successful

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## Understanding Academic Terminology

### Degree

The culmination of coursework completed and requirements met.

### Major

The main field of study.

### Minor

The secondary field of study. Not all degrees require a minor.

### Concentration

A particular field of study within a major. Not all degrees have an option for a concentration.

### Core Curriculum

The coursework every student must complete to graduate regardless of major. Covers a broad set of info for a well-rounded education.

### Credits/Hours

Earned after completing courses; estimated time spent per week in class. Enrollment status (full-time or part-time) is based on semester credit hours.



## Common Academic Questions

What is the General Education Core?

- Common Foundational Courses
- 42 semester credit hours

What is the Average Class Size at Texas State?

- Class size ranges from 17 – 380
- Most common class size is 50 – 60
- Additional help present in large lectures

Can I see my student's syllabus?

- Public Access to Course Info (HB 2504)

## More Common Academic Questions



**What is Canvas?**

Collaborative Learning Environment



**Are there Attendance Policies?**

Yes & No



**How do I Access Grades?**

FERPA

## Admission Type vs. Classification

### Admission Type

### Classification

First Year Student	Enters Texas State immediately following high school	Freshman	• 0-29 credit hours complete
Transfer	Transfers to Texas State from another institution	Sophomore	• 30-59 credit hours complete
Continuing	Attends Texas State last semester and continues to attend this semester	Junior	• 60-89 credit hours complete
Returning	Returns to Texas State after taking at least one semester away	Senior	• 90+ credit hours complete



For example: If a student graduated high school this year with 33 hours of dual credit, they are a First Year Student who is a Sophomore.



## Academic Services

### Academic Advising

- Advice for course selection, major exploration, and connecting to appropriate services

### Peer Mentoring

- Assist with adjusting to campus life, connecting to resources, and getting involved

### Success Coaching

- One-on-One coaching focused on developing skills, behaviors, and habits for academic success
- Focused on probation recovery efforts



## Academic Services

### Student Learning Assistance Center

- SLAC Learning Lab
- Supplemental Instruction (SI)
- Online Writing Lab (OWL)
- Online Test Preparation, Study Skills Handouts, Presentations/Outreach
- Veteran Academic Success Center (VASC)

### Math CATS

- Drop-in Math tutoring; one-on-one, small group, and computer-based resources
- Open Computer Lab

### The University Writing Center

- Appointment based one-on-one tutoring for any type of writing project
- In person or Zoom Consultations





## Academic Services

### Athletic Academic Center

- Academic support through individual and group study and tutoring
- Student athlete progress for continuing eligibility and degree completion

### Collaborative Learning Center

- Computer lab and tutoring center open to students in the College of Science & Engineering or who are taking a STEM course

### Student Support Services

- Tutoring, Workshops for College Success, Peer Pals, Cultural Enrichment Activities, and Graduate and Professional School Preparation
- Participants must qualify by being either first generation, having demonstrated financial need, or having a documented learning or physical disability



## A few more Academic Services

- Physics Help Center
- Sociology Department Tutoring Lab
- Testing, Evaluation, & Measurement Center
- University Libraries
- World Languages & Literature Tutors



## A few last words... You can help your Bobcat by:

Understanding the growth potential of your student by reminding them of their strengths and potential.

Respecting and supporting their need to dedicate time to their academic work.

Reminding them of resources and services to visit.

Celebrating their successes and supporting their efforts in pursuing a college degree.

Encourage self-advocacy development early and often.

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# Thank you

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