

FIELD OF STUDY

The state of Texas mandated field of study curricula in Senate Bill 148 of the 75th Texas Legislature (1997). Core curricula and field of study curricula are intended to facilitate free transferability of lower-division academic courses among Texas public colleges and universities if a student successfully completes a field of study curriculum. Fields of study are developed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), but not for all majors. Students may transfer the block of courses in the field of study to a general academic teaching institution in Texas, and the institution must substitute the field of study curricula for that institution's lower-division (freshman and sophomore level) requirements for the degree program in that field of study. The student will receive full academic credit toward the degree program for the block of courses transferred.

A student who transfers from one institution of higher education to another, without completing all courses in the field of study curriculum at the sending institution, will receive academic credit in the field of study curriculum of the receiving institution for each of the courses that the student has successfully completed. Following receipt of credit for these courses, the student may be required to satisfy the remaining course requirements in the field of study curriculum at the receiving institution. A student concurrently enrolled at more than one institution of higher education should follow the field of study curriculum requirements of the institution at which the student is classified as a degree-seeking student.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) maintains a list of available Field of Study (FOS) curricula. (<http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/index.cfm?objectid=7D02BA60-18B8-11E8-A6640050560100A9>)