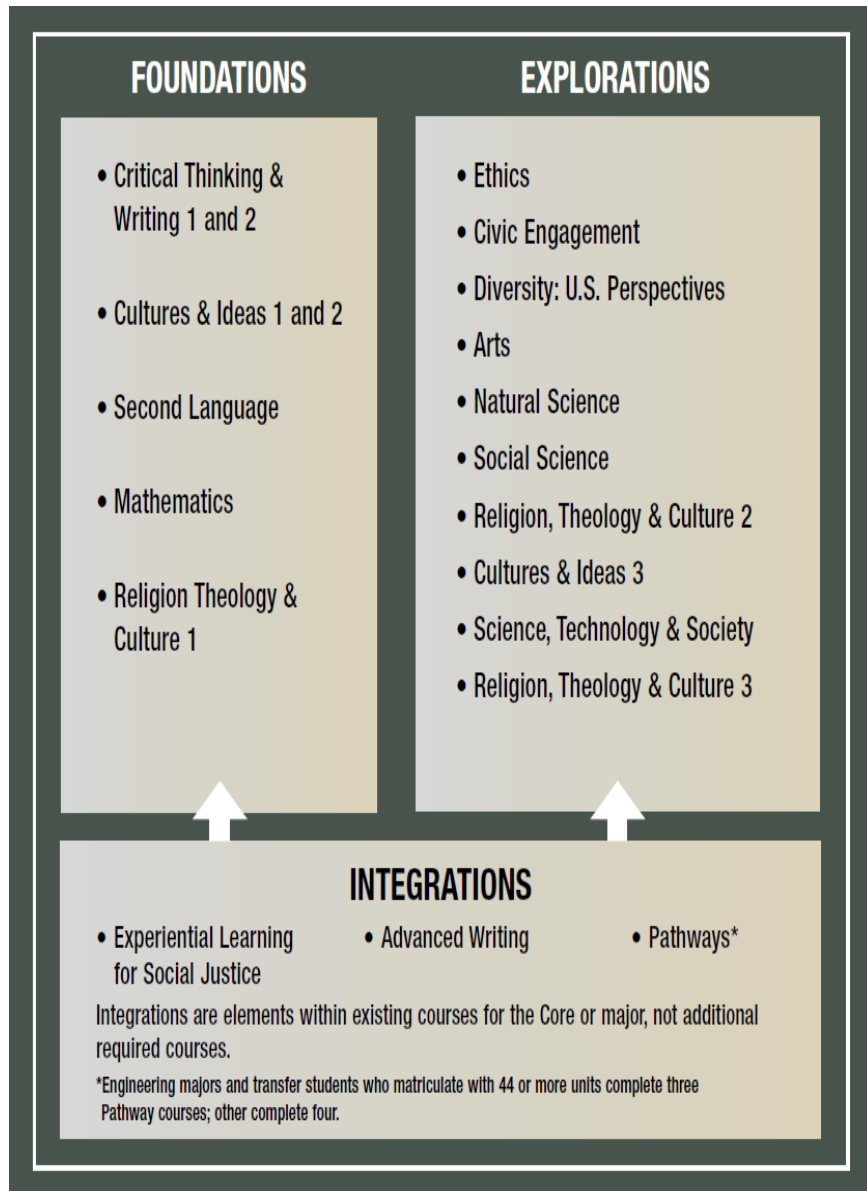


# SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY GENERAL CORE CURRICULUM



## Santa Clara University

### UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS AT A GLANCE

For use by transfer students

#### TRANSFER CREDIT & AP or IB TEST CREDIT check-sheet

University Core Requirement

Course Completed or IP (In Progress)

#### FOUNDATIONS

- Critical Thinking & Writing 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- Critical Thinking & Writing 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- Cultures & Ideas 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- Cultures & Ideas 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- Second Language \_\_\_\_\_
- Mathematics \_\_\_\_\_
- Religion Theology & Culture 1 \_\_\_\_\_

(Students transferring with 44 or more quarter units (or 30 or more semester units) of transfer credit are exempt from completing one RTC requirement.)

#### EXPLORATIONS

- Ethics \_\_\_\_\_
- Civic Engagement **Must be completed at SCU**
- Diversity: US Perspectives \_\_\_\_\_
- Arts \_\_\_\_\_
- Natural Science with Lab \_\_\_\_\_
- Social Science \_\_\_\_\_
- Religion, Theology & Culture 2 **Must be completed at SCU**
- Cultures & Ideas 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- Science, Technology & Society **Must be completed at SCU**
- Religion, Theology & Culture 3 **Must be completed at SCU**

#### INTEGRATIONS

- **Experiential Learning for Social Justice** **Must be completed at SCU**
- **Advanced Writing** **Must be completed at SCU**
- **Pathways** **Must be completed at SCU**

**NOTE: SOME MAJORS SATISFY CORE AREAS WITH SPECIFIC COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE MAJOR.**

**\*\*Note:** The maximum number of units allowed to transfer (including AP/IB test credit) is: 87.50 quarter units in the College of Arts & Sciences and Leavey School of Business. Engineering majors bring in a maximum of one-half of the total units required for their specific program (varies by major). The time needed to complete a degree offered in any School or College will depend on the total number of units accepted and their distribution toward satisfying SCU Core, School/College and major curriculum requirements.

## **TRANSFER CREDIT policies including, but not limited to:**

- Transferrable courses must be completed at an accredited college or university.
- SCU operates on a quarter-system calendar. Courses completed at a semester institution are converted by multiplying the number of units by 1.5. For example, a 3.00 semester unit course equates to 4.50-quarter units.
- Students are allowed to transfer in a maximum of one-half of the total quarter units required to graduate in their specific program. The maximum number includes credit transferred from another institution, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and University of Cambridge test credit. For students who have completed credit above the maximum allowed, the Office of the Registrar selects the credit most applicable toward core and major requirements. Students may request a transfer credit reevaluation if a change of School/College, major, and/or minor occurs after enrollment.
- The following courses are not transferrable, including but not limited to, most first-year seminars, internships, professional development, vocational or work experience courses, independent study, workshops, most physical education courses, most criminal/administration of justice courses, remedial English and remedial mathematics courses.
- SCU does not give transfer credit for P/NP, CR, S or courses with a grade of C- or lower. Grades are not transferable to SCU, only units.
- If transferring courses from a California Community College, SCU only accepts University of California (UC) transferable courses. Additional restrictions may apply.
- Students receiving transfer credit equivalencies for SCU's MATH 9, MATH 11, or MATH 30, or test credit for MATH 11 are not required to complete the ALEKS mathematics placement exam (aka: CRE: Calculus Readiness Exam).
- Although a pre-calculus course (equating to SCU's MATH 9) is transferrable, it will not fulfill any SCU Core, major or minor mathematics requirements.
- Transfer credit CANNOT fulfill the following Core requirements: Civic Engagement; Religion Theology & Culture 2 and 3; Science Technology & Society; Experiential Learning for Social Justice; Advanced Writing and Pathways.
- The Core Second Language requirement CANNOT be satisfied by completing two-to-four years of study in a foreign language at the High School level. Exception: engineering majors completing two years of high school foreign language are exempt from completing Core second language requirement at SCU. If a student admitted in the School of Engineering decides to change schools after enrollment, the student will be required to fulfill the second language requirement at SCU. For details on how the SCU Core Second Language can be satisfied, go to: <https://www.scu.edu/modernlanguages/student-resources/language-requirements/>
- Some exceptions satisfying SCU Core Curriculum requirements apply for students transferring to SCU with 44 or more quarter units (or 30 or more semester units) of transfer credit. Core requirement exceptions listed below:
  - **Critical Thinking & Writing 1 and 2 (CTW):**
    - Transfer students who matriculate with credit for both CTW 1 and 2 have satisfied the requirement. This may include exemptions granted at other schools and credit granted through Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate test scores.
    - Transfer students who matriculate with 44 or more units and credit for CTW 1 will take an Advanced Writing course at SCU to complete the CTW 2 requirement. A second Advanced Writing course will be completed to fulfill the Advanced Writing requirement.
    - All other transfer students will complete both Critical Thinking & Writing 1 and 2 (a two-quarter sequence course) at SCU.
  - **Cultures & Ideas 1 and 2 (C & I):**
    - Transfer students who receive credit for both C & I 1 and 2 have satisfied the requirement.
    - Transfer students who matriculate with 44 or more units and have previously completed a course that satisfies C & I 1 will take a C & I 3 course to substitute for C & I 2. A second C & I 3 course will be completed to fulfill the C & I 3 requirement.
    - All other transfer students will complete both Cultures & Ideas 1 and 2 (a two-quarter sequence course) at SCU.
  - **Religion, Theology and Culture 1, 2 and 3 (RTC):**
    - Transfer students who matriculate with less than 44-quarter units of transfer credit with no transfer credit for RTC 1, will take RTC 1, 2, and 3 in the required sequence order at SCU.
    - Transfer students who matriculate with less than 44 quarter units of transfer credit with transfer credit for RTC 1, will complete RTC 2 and RTC 3 in sequence order at SCU.
    - Transfer students who matriculate with 44 or more units of transfer credit will take two RTC courses at any level, in any order, at SCU. Additional unit restrictions may apply.
  - **Pathways:**
    - Transfer students in the College of Arts & Sciences and Leavey School of Business who matriculate with less than 44-quarter units of transfer credit will take four courses (minimum of 16 units) to fulfill the Pathways requirement.
    - Transfer students in the College of Arts & Sciences and Leavey School of Business who matriculate with 44 or more quarter units of transfer credit will take three courses (minimum of 12 units) to fulfill the Pathways requirement.
    - All transfer students in the School of Engineering will take three courses (minimum of 12 units) to fulfill the Pathways requirement.
- Per policy, transfer credit earned after enrollment at SCU cannot satisfy University Core, major or minor requirements. Additional restrictions apply. Refer to the SCU Undergraduate Bulletin for additional transfer credit restrictions at: <https://www.scu.edu/academics/course-catalogs/undergraduate-bulletin/>
- Per policy, students may not receive transfer credit and SCU course credit for the same subject course. For instance, if students receive transfer credit for SCU's PSYC 2: General Psychology II, they cannot take PSYC 2 at SCU. Please discuss the 'Course Audit Option' policy with an advisor.
- To officially receive transfer credit, the Office of the Registrar at SCU is required to receive an official transcript directly from the institution the courses (s) were completed.
- To receive test credit for exams, the Office of the Registrar is required to receive an official AP Score Report and/or grade report directly from the CollegeBoard, International Baccalaureate Organization, or University of Cambridge Organization, respectively.

Once matriculated, students will have access to an online Degree Audit Report (aka: Degree Progress Report) via their eCampus accounts detailing how previous coursework and/or test credit meets SCU Core, School/College, major, minor and other graduation requirements. The time needed to complete a degree will depend on the student's total number of transfer and test credits and the distribution toward specific SCU Core, school/college and major curriculum requirements.

For more information about your major, please visit the department's website at: <https://www.scu.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/>

For additional questions regarding transfer credit and/or AP/IB or University of Cambridge test credit, email [swhiting@scu.edu](mailto:swhiting@scu.edu).