

TTAP Fall 2021 Course Selection Overview

During your TTAP semester, you will enroll in 13-credit hours. This means that you will take four 3-hour courses at South Plains College (SPC) and one 1-hour course at Texas Tech University (TTU). The second number in a course number indicates the number of credit “hours” for which the course counts. For example, we know that ENGL 1301 counts for 3 hours because the second number is a “3.” TTAP 1101 counts for one hour because the second number is a “1.” The only exceptions to these are MATH 0314 and Math 0324, which do not count towards any college credit hours. See the “Frequently Asked Questions – Mathematics Courses” on page 2 for a more detailed explanation of how our math curriculum works.

Your TTAP classes are taught by SPC instructors on the TTU campus. Kristi will send a course selection form to you no later than one week prior to your scheduled virtual group orientation to help you start planning your schedule. Please note that the classroom locations listed on this form could change without notice prior to the first day of class. Thus, it will be your responsibility to verify classroom locations before the Fall 2021 semester begins.

Frequently Asked Questions - General

This section contains answers to frequently asked questions about course selection through TTAP. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us by phone (806-742-3645) or e-mail (ttap@ttu.edu) if you have any questions.

How do I register for these classes?

During group orientation, Kristi and MaryAnn will discuss Fall 2021 course registration. During individual orientation, you will finalize your Fall 2021 schedule with Kristi and MaryAnn. From there, no further action is required on your part. Kara Martinez will register you for your SPC courses, and Kristi will register you for the 1-hour TTAP 1101 class at TTU.

Will I have enough time to travel between classes if I schedule them back-to-back?

Yes. Classes have been scheduled in classrooms with convenient locations on campus. Ten minutes between classes should give you ample time to travel to your next class and to facilitate social distancing. TTU is a bike friendly campus, and we have an efficient bus system. If you have concerns about traveling to your next class on time, we suggest that you use one of those transportation options.

I’m not familiar with the TTU campus. How do I know where these classrooms are located?

On the course selection form, we have indicated where the class has been scheduled. The suffixed abbreviation indicates the building in which the classroom is located (e.g. “CHEM”) and the number indicates the specific classroom within that building (e.g. “CHEM 123”). You can view a campus map at <https://www.ttu.edu/map/> to familiarize yourself with classroom

building locations. Prior to the first day of class, we strongly recommend that you conduct a “walk through” of your schedule so that you know where all your classrooms are located.

Will these classes count towards my intended major at TTU?

TTAP offers Texas Core Curriculum classes that will transfer and apply to most majors at Texas Tech. If you have questions about how specific courses will apply to your intended major, please call us.

I am still undecided about major. Do I need to decide my major before I pick classes?

No. These core curriculum classes will transfer and apply to most majors at Texas Tech. So even if you are undecided now, these classes should count towards your eventual declared major at TTU. Note: as a TTAP student, you do not technically have an official major until you transfer to TTU. We will work with you this Fall to help you identify majors of interest to you. During your individual orientation, we will advise you on courses to take for the Fall.

What is TTAP 1101 and why am I required to take it?

TTAP 1101 is a freshman seminar course that meets twice per week for the first 8 weeks of the semester. The class is designed to teach you how to be a self-directed college student to facilitate your transition to college. The class covers topics directly related to your academic success and personal well-being, such as time management, overcoming procrastination, stress management, developing healthy relationships, and career/major exploration, just to name a few topics. These courses are taught by Kristi, MaryAnn, and Dr. Nutter. The grade you earn in the class will count towards the overall 2.5 GPA required to transfer automatically to TTU in Spring 2022.

What does “TR” mean?

A class scheduled on “TR” meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the scheduled time for the duration of the Fall 2021 semester.

What does “MWF” mean?

A class scheduled on “MWF” meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays at the scheduled time for the duration of the Fall 2021 semester.

I have already completed some college credit through dual credit. How does this impact my Fall 2021 course selection?

If you have already completed a course that TTAP offers through dual credit, you should select a different course to take to avoid taking a class you have already completed.

Can I take more than 13 hours?

No. On average, most first-semester college freshman enroll in 13 hours, so you are taking the same number of credit hours that most freshman are taking.

When can I purchase textbooks for my classes?

After you are enrolled in your classes at SPC, you can visit <http://www.sp-reesebookstore.com/home> to view and purchase your textbooks.

Can I make changes to my schedule after I have already enrolled in courses?

Yes, but you will need to contact Kristi first via e-mail (kristi.fierro@ttu.edu) so that she can approve your schedule changes and enroll you in your new courses.

TTAP offers two different math courses. If I am TSI compliant, which one should I take?

Students will take the Math class that most closely aligns with their major pathway. Generally, TTAP recommends that students who intend to pursue a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) degree or Education degree should take MATH 1314 College Algebra. Students who intend to major in a business-related degree or a major within social sciences should take MATH 1324 Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences. That said, if you are TSI compliant in Math, you are not required to take a Math class during your TTAP semester.

I am not TSI compliant in Math. Which class should I take?

Students who score below 349 (TSI) or 949 or between 910 and 946 with a diagnostic score of 6 (TSIA 2) will be required to take MATH 1314 College Algebra with MATH 0314, a developmental support course for College Algebra.

Students who score between 340 and 349 (or 940 and 949) have the option to take MATH 1314 College Algebra or MATH 1324 Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences depending on their preference. Regardless of their choice, these students will also enroll in a developmental support course, either MATH 0314 for developmental support in College Algebra or MATH 0324 for developmental support in Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences, based on their choice. During individual orientation, Kristi and MaryAnn will help students select the most applicable math course based on their TSI score and major pathway. Please note that the developmental sections, although required by TSI law, do not count towards college credit.

The following should help you visualize the math course offerings and who takes these classes depending on TSI score and major pathway:

Who takes this class?

MATH 1314 College Algebra Students who are TSI compliant in Math and wanting to major in Animal Science, Architecture, Biology, Plant & Soil Science, Kinesiology, Education, Chemistry,

Computer Science, Engineering, Geoscience, Mathematics, Physics, Nursing, Pre-Medicine, Pre-Pharmacy

MATH 1324 Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences Students who are TSI compliant in Math and wanting to major in Management, Marketing, Information Technology, Finance, Accounting, Communication Studies, Psychology, Sociology, Sports Management, Natural Resources Management, Anthropology, Geography, Public Relations, Creative Media Industries, Advertising, History, Philosophy, English

MATH 1314 College Algebra with MATH 0314 Developmental Support for College Algebra Students who score at least a 310 on their Math TSI test and wanting to major in Animal Science, Architecture, Biology, Plant & Soil Science, Kinesiology, Education, Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Geoscience, Mathematics, Physics, Nursing, Pre-Medicine, PrePharmacy

MATH 1324 Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences with MATH 0324 Developmental Support for Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences Students who score between 340 and 349 on their Math TSI exam and wanting to major in Management, Marketing, Information Technology, Finance, Accounting, Communication Studies, Psychology, Sociology, Sports Management, Natural Resources Management, Anthropology, Geography, Public Relations, Creative Media Industries, Advertising, History, Philosophy, English

I did not score between 340 and 349 (or 940 and 949), but I know that I want a major that requires MATH 1324. Why am I not able to take this course?

State law requires that you take a college-level mathematics course that aligns most closely with your math readiness. Your score on this exam indicates your math readiness. Thus, students who score less than 339 or less are required to take MATH 1314 with MATH 0314 because these courses align most closely with their math readiness regardless of their major pathway.

Am I able to retake the TSI math exam so that I can try to place out of the TSI developmental courses?

Yes! Even after you register for classes, you can still retake the TSI math exam and adjust your schedule based on your new score. We ask that you complete this no later than August 13 so that we can help you make these adjustments to your schedule before classes begin on August 23. Please contact Assistant Director Kristi Fierro (kristi.fierro@ttu.edu) for more information on this.

I am completely undecided about my major right now. Which Math class should I take?

First, it is okay and normal to be undecided right now. You have many major options, and we will help you navigate those options during your TTAP semester. During your individual

orientation, please let us know general majors that you are thinking about so that we can advise you towards the most applicable mathematics course.

TTAP Fall 2021 Course Offerings

The following courses will be offered through TTAP in the Fall 2019 semester. The course descriptions below have been copied verbatim from South Plains College's official course catalog.

ENGL 1301 (SPCE 1301) – Composition I

This course is an intensive study and practice of the composition process from invention and researching to drafting, revising, and editing, both individually and collaboratively. The curriculum includes the teaching of effective rhetorical modes as well as audience, purpose, arrangement, style, and collateral readings. The instructional focus is on writing the academic essay as a vehicle for learning, communicating, and critical analysis. This course satisfies a 010 Communications Core Curriculum requirement.

GOVT 2305 (SPCP 1301) – Federal Government

Origin and development of the U.S. Constitution, structure and powers of the national government including the legislative, executive, and judicial branches, federalism, political participation, the national election process, public policy, civil liberties and civil rights. This course satisfies a 070 Government/Political Science Core Curriculum requirement.

HIST 1301 (SPCH 1301) – US History I

A survey of the social, political, economic, cultural, and intellectual history of the United States from the pre-Columbian era to the Civil War/Reconstruction period. United States History I includes the study of pre-Columbian, colonial, revolutionary, early national, slavery and sectionalism, and the Civil War/Reconstruction eras. Themes that may be addressed in United States History I include American settlement and diversity, American culture, religion, civil and human rights, technological change, economic change, immigration and migration, and creation of the federal government. This course satisfies a 060 American History Core Curriculum requirement.

HUMA 1301 (SPHU 1301) – Introduction to Humanities

This is an interdisciplinary, multi-perspective assessment of cultural, political, philosophical, and aesthetic factors critical to the formulation of values and the historical development of the individual and of society. This course satisfies a 040 Language, Philosophy and Culture Core Curriculum requirement.

MATH 1314 (SPCM 1314) – College Algebra

A standard course in college algebra. Quadratic equations; ratio and proportion; variation, binomial theorem; progressions; inequalities; complex numbers; theory of equations; determinants and matrices; linear programming; mathematical induction; permutations and combinations. This course satisfies a 020 Mathematics Core Curriculum requirement.

Math 1324 (SPCM 1324) – Mathematics for Business and Social Sciences

The application of common algebraic functions, including polynomial, exponential, logarithmic, and rational, to problems in business, economics, and the social sciences are addressed. The applications include mathematics of finance, including simple and compound interest and annuities; systems of linear equations; matrices; linear programming; and probability, including expected value. This course satisfies a 020 Mathematics Core Curriculum requirement.

MUSI 1306 (SPMA 1314) – Music Appreciation

Understanding music through the study of cultural periods, major composers, and musical elements. Illustrated with audio recordings and live performances. (Does not apply to a music degree.) This course satisfies a 050 Creative Arts Core Curriculum requirement.

SOC 1301 (SPCO 1301) – Introduction to Sociology

The scientific study of human society, including ways in which groups, social institutions, and individuals affect each other. Causes of social stability and social change are explored through the application of various theoretical perspectives, key concepts, and related research methods of sociology. Analysis of social issues in their institutional context may include topics such as social stratification, gender, race/ethnicity, and deviance. This course satisfies a 080 Social and Behavioral Sciences Core Curriculum requirement.

SPCH 1315 (SSPH 1321) – Public Speaking

Research, composition, organization, and delivery of speeches for various purposes and occasions with emphasis on listener analysis and informative and persuasive techniques. This course satisfies a 090 Institutional Option Core Curriculum requirement for Oral Communication.

GEOG 1303 (SPCG 1301) – World Regional Geography

Study of major world regions with emphasis on prevailing conditions and developments, including emerging conditions and trends, and the awareness of diversity of ideas and practices to be found in those regions. Course content may include one or more regions. This course satisfies a 080 Social and Behavioral Sciences Core Curriculum requirement.