

**Recommendation regarding the UNT Core Curriculum
Presented to the Faculty Senate 9/12/07**

The UCC recommends that the reduction of the UNT Core Curriculum be carried out in the following manner, beginning in Fall 2008:

1. UNT will offer the non-major natural science classes as 3 hour courses, maintaining a laboratory component as a part of the 3 hour requirement.
2. For two years (08-09 and 09-10) Students will be required to take two courses (6 hours) from the institutional option category entitled "Understanding the Human Community" which is comprised of courses in the three current content areas (diversity, wellness, communications).
3. During that 2-year period, UNT will create two 3-hour categories of courses, currently titled "discovery" and "the human experience" that will meet an expanded set of exemplary objectives, incorporating some or all of the exemplary objectives now included in diversity, wellness and communications courses, as well as additional objectives aimed at developing the skills for life-long learning, critical thinking and the habits of mind associated with higher education. UNT will also examine the courses currently offered as a part of the state-mandated components of the core to promote a more integrated approach to general education, focusing on habits of the mind that can be cultivated across the core curriculum.
4. Beginning in Fall 2010, the UNT core curriculum will consist of the 36-hour state mandated courses plus the two 3-hour content areas developed under #3, above, for a total of 42 hours.