

**Recommendations Generated through the Core Fora for Institutional Options
11/5/08 & 12/3/08**

UNT's institutional option should be comprised of two sets of courses, each three hours, titled Discovery and the Capstone Experience. Discovery courses are designed to occur early in a student's experience at UNT, helping them to gather the tools necessary for full engagement in the undergraduate experience. The Capstone experience is designed to be a culminating experience, where the breadth of the student's educational experience is drawn into an integrated whole and placed within the context of the larger society.

Discovery –

It is recommended that students meet this requirement early in their time at UNT, whether as freshmen or as transfer students. This would be facilitated through academic advising.

Courses could be offered within any discipline.

As a result of their experience with the Discovery area of the core curriculum, UNT graduates will:

- think critically and creatively, learning to apply different systems of analysis
- engage with a variety of others in thoughtful and well crafted communication
- be able to articulate the values that undergird their lives, the UNT community and the larger society
- cultivate self-awareness, balance and an openness to change

Capstone Experience –

It is highly recommended that this course be taken after all other core courses are completed. This would be facilitated through academic advising.

Courses could be offered in any discipline.

The course will:

- help students integrate knowledge from across core curriculum
- participate in assessments of the full core
- be offered at the Junior/Senior level

As a result of their experience with the Capstone area of the core curriculum, UNT graduates will:

- make connections between different areas of knowledge and different ways of knowing
- be able to express ways that exposure to different ideas, perspectives, cultures and viewpoints have enriched their thinking
- learn decision making strategies that include an ethical analysis
- participate in activities that promote the common good