

University of Houston Clear Lake

School of Education • Frequently Asked Questions

What are the minimum requirements for an undergraduate to attend UHCL?

- Earned associate's degree OR at least 54 hours with grades of "C" or higher (Developmental hours and UHCL hours may not be included.)
- Completion of 3 hours of College Algebra or higher level math
- Completion of 6 hours of English Composition
- Passing scores on TASP/THEA exam or TASP/THEA exempt for University admissions standards

Can I go back and take core and lower-level coursework I am lacking for my degree at the community college?

- Yes, with the exception of TECA coursework, core curriculum and lower-level coursework can be taken at the community college after enrolling in courses at UHCL. Students must complete an "Off-Campus Course Permission Form" prior to enrolling in courses at another institution. Forms are located in the magazine racks outside Bayou 1231.
- No courses can be taken off campus in the student's last semester.

What undergraduate programs are offered?

- School of Education (SoE)
 - B.S. Interdisciplinary Studies – EC-4 Generalist
 - B.S. Interdisciplinary Studies – EC-4 Bilingual Generalist
 - B.S. Interdisciplinary Studies – EC-4 ESL Generalist
 - B.S. Interdisciplinary Studies – EC-4 Generalist with EC-12 Special Education
 - B.S. Interdisciplinary Studies – 4-8 Generalist
 - B.S. Geography – 4-8 Social Studies
 - B.S. Geography – 8-12 Social Studies
 - B.S. Geography
- School of Human Science and Humanities (HSH)
 - B.A. Literature – 4-8 English Language Arts & Reading
 - B.A. History – 4-8 Social Studies
 - B.A. Literature – 8-12 English Language Arts & Reading
 - B.A. History – 8-12 Social Studies
 - B.A. History – 8-12 History
 - B.A. Communication – 8-12 Technology Applications
- School of Science and Computer Engineering (SCE)
 - B.A. Mathematical Science – 4-8 Mathematics
 - B.A. Biological Sciences – 4-8 Science
 - B.A. Mathematical Science – 8-12 Mathematics
 - B.S. Mathematical Sciences – 8-12 Mathematics
 - B.A. Biological Sciences – 8-12 Life Science
 - B.S. Physical Sciences – 8-12 Physical Science

When and where do I receive my degree plan/candidate plan of study (CPS)?

- Students generally receive their degree during the first semester of coursework. After the UHCL Office of Admissions evaluates student transcripts, they are sent to SoE, which assigns each undergraduate a professional advisor. Your assigned advisor will draft your degree plan and notify you when it is ready for your signature. This is an automatic process.
- Students receiving degrees from HSH or SCE (see the list above) will need to verify the process with their respective school's advising office.

How do I register for courses at UHCL?

- Upon acceptance to UHCL, the Office of Admissions will send you a log-in ID and password to access *E-Services*, the UHCL registration system. Students can register themselves for courses via the Internet or the telephone.
- For assistance with *E-Services*, contact the Student Assistance Center (SAC) at 281-283-2SAC.

What courses can I take my first semester?

- TEP prerequisite courses and courses from the academic specialization area of the appropriate 2+2 Transfer Plan. ***See an advisor for best guidance and course sequencing.***

What is Pedagogy coursework?

- Pedagogy courses are teacher methodology classes that require field experience during the typical public school hours. Admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) is required before enrolling in pedagogy courses.
- Pedagogy and all other courses requiring field experience (see *UHCL Catalog* course descriptions) must be completed prior to Internship II. No more than 2 such courses can be taken with Internship I. ***See your advisor for help with planning semesters appropriately.***

What is Pre-service Internship?

- Pre-service Internship is a one-year experience at the end of our educational program where students are placed in professional development schools with veteran educators for maximum experiential learning. Pre-service is non-paid. Students must apply the long semester prior to each expected Internship semester. Application deadlines are
March 1 – for fall Internship October 1 – for spring Internship
Applications are available at the Internship Informational Meetings typically scheduled at the start of each long semester. See the Advising bulletin board (near Bayou 1231) for dates, times, and locations.

How can I contact UHCL School of Education (SoE) advisors?

- 281-283-3600
- Bayou Building, Suite 1231
- education@uhcl.edu
- www.uhcl.edu/soe - Online advising available Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30-6:00 P.M.
- Walk-in Advising – Monday – Thursday, 9-11:45 A.M and 1-5:15 P.M.; Friday, 9-11:30 A.M.
- Advising Appointment – Call or e-mail in advance for more detailed sessions
- UHCL Open House – Held each fall and spring semesters