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### Support Courses

- BIO 1310: Functional Biology Lab (not required if BIO 1421 was completed in Core Curriculum)
- PHYS 1115: General Physics I Lab
- ESS 1128: Aquatic Therapy
- ESS 1179: Weight Training
- NUTR 3362: Nutrition and Health OR NUTR 3364: The Science of Nutrition and Exercise
- ESS 3317: Exercise Physiology/ ESS 3117: Lab
- ESS 3320: Biomechanics
- ESS 4351: Measurement and Evaluation
- PT 3400: Human Structure and Function

### Proficiency: Foreign Language

If two years of the same foreign language were not completed in high school, students must complete two semesters of the same foreign language at the college level to meet proficiency requirements.

- Foreign Language Proficiency

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**Additional Degree Requirements:** See Undergraduate Catalog for Residency, GPA, and Graduation with Honors requirements.

**Writing Intensive Hours:** 9 Hours of designated Writing Intensive (WI) coursework must be completed in-residence with Texas State.

**Important Note:** See Statements of Understanding sheet for additional notes regarding course sequencing and program requirements.

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**Total Hours:** 120 Credits
ATHLETIC TRAINING

PREREQUISITES
Regardless of catalog year, students are held to current academic policies and course prerequisites, which are subject to change. Updated course prerequisites are listed in the Undergraduate Catalog online at: http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DEGREE
The certified athletic trainer (ATC®) is a healthcare professional that specializes in the prevention, diagnosis, clinical management and rehabilitation of musculoskeletal injuries and medical conditions. As part of a complete healthcare team, the certified athletic trainer works under the direction of a licensed physician and in cooperation with other healthcare professionals, e.g., physical therapists, physician assistants, school administrators, coaches and families.

The Athletic Training Program at Texas State University is a Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE)-accredited undergraduate program that leads to a Bachelor of Science degree in Athletic Training. After successful completion of the Athletic Training qualifying prerequisites during the freshman year, students start the didactic and clinical education experiences following admission to the Athletic Training cohort at the beginning of the sophomore year. The Athletic Training Major consists of 122 credit-hours that emphasize the required knowledge and skills within the educational domains established by our accrediting agency.

FOUR-YEAR TIME COMMITMENT
Students contemplating transfer to Texas State University are encouraged to do so, but should begin their studies in the fall semester of any given academic year. Be aware that there are significant challenges associated with transferring into all CAATE-accredited athletic training education programs. Transfer students should plan to spend four (4) years at Texas State University in order to complete the Athletic Training Major: one year completing Athletic Training qualifying prerequisites, and three years (six long semesters, as clinical education experiences are not offered during the summer session) as an athletic training cohort student in order to complete all of the didactic and clinical education requirements of the program.

Regardless of prior class standing, the number of academic credits, or the clinical education experiences in athletic training completed prior to transferring, a minimum of four (4) years of study at Texas State University is required to complete the Bachelor of Science degree in Athletic Training.

Please contact the program director, Dr. Rod Harter (rod.harter@txstate.edu or 512-245-2972) for additional details.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Enroll at Texas State University as an Athletic Training Major
- Complete five prerequisite courses at Texas State with grades of ‘B’ or better:
  - AT 1298 – Orientation to Athletic Training Education (2 credits)
  - AT 2156 – Taping and Bandaging of Athletic Injuries (1 credit)
  - AT 2356 – Prevention and Care of Athletic Injuries (3 credits)
  - AT 2260 – Acute Care of Injuries and Illnesses (2 credits)
  - BIO 2430 – Human Physiology and Anatomy (4 credits)
- Establish a Texas State GPA of 2.75 or higher, which consists of all coursework completed at Texas State
- Complete 50 hours of directed athletic training observation as part of AT 1298: Orientation to Athletic Training Education
- Submit a completed application portfolio by the April 1st deadline
  - **PLEASE NOTE:** The current application form and a detailed list of all required application materials are obtained via enrollment in AT 1298: Orientation to Athletic Training Education at Texas State University
- The successful Athletic Training Major who is selected for admission to the Athletic Training Program cohort must satisfy the following additional requirements for admission:
  - Obtain a physical examination by an MD/DO, PA or ARNP
  - Submit a signed Physical Examination and Immunization Verification form
  - Submit a signed hepatitis B vaccination (HBV) form or waiver
  - Submit a signed Technical Standards form
  - Obtain Emergency Cardiac Care (ECC) certification at the Professional Rescuer level, e.g., American Red Cross “CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer” or American Heart Association course “BLS Healthcare Provider”
  - Submit a $125 program fee that is applied toward the cost of purchase of athletic training professional attire and medical malpractice insurance

Applications for admission to the Athletic Training program are due April 1st each year. All qualified applicants are invited to participate in a formal interview in early May each year as part of the competitive admissions process. Each year, 20 new students are admitted to the Athletic Training cohort. Notification of admission to the Athletic Training cohort occurs annually mid-June.

Graduates from Texas State’s CAATE-accredited program are eligible to sit for the national BOC examination and become certified athletic trainers (earning the “ATC” credential). Completion of Texas State University’s program also qualifies the graduate to take the examination to become a licensed athletic trainer (earning the “LAT” credential) in Texas.
DIRECTED OBSERVATION REQUIREMENTS
All prospective Athletic Training students are required to complete the five prerequisite courses, all with a ‘B’ or better, prior to gaining full admission into the Bachelor of Science degree program cohort in Athletic Training sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Performance. Participation in the Athletic Training Major enables the student to observe the day-to-day activities of the athletic trainers affiliated with Texas State University’s Athletic Training Program.

All prospective students who are interested in gaining admission to the Athletic Training cohort must complete 50 hours of directed clinical observation while enrolled in AT 1298: Orientation to Athletic Training Education. This course is offered in the fall and spring semesters of each academic year.

RETENTION POLICY
Athletic training students must maintain a Texas State GPA of 2.75 on the 4.0 scale to remain in good standing as a member of the Athletic Training Program cohort.

Athletic training students must earn a grade of ‘C’ or better in all Athletic Training Major courses. If a grade less than ‘C’ is earned in any required Athletic Training course, the athletic training student is placed on Athletic Training Program probation and is required to retake the course at the earliest possible opportunity. The student will be notified of his or her probationary status in a formal letter from the program director. At Texas State University, the grade earned in a course that is repeated in-residence replaces the previously earned grade in the student’s GPA calculations for the first repeat only.

Any student who falls below the 2.75 minimum Texas State GPA standard, and/or is not making appropriate progress in the Major courses, will be placed on Athletic Training Program probation for the following semester. The student will be notified of his or her probationary status in a letter from the program director. The letter will also specify the progress that must be made during the subsequent semester in order to be removed from probation, e.g., the Texas State GPA must be brought up to the > 2.75 minimum standard. A student will be dismissed from the program if the condition(s) for removal of probationary status are not met.

Any student who has been dismissed from the AT Program cohort who is interested in being reinstated must submit a formal written petition for readmission to the program director. Readmission decisions will be made on an individual, case-by-case basis via majority vote of the faculty from the Division of Athletic Training.

ADDITIONAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
- If two years of the same foreign language were not completed in high school, students must complete two semesters of the same foreign language at the college level to satisfy foreign language proficiency requirements
- 9 hours of designated Writing Intensive (WI) coursework must be completed in residence at Texas State
- A maximum of 66 approved hours from an accredited two-year college may be applied toward degree requirements, not including hours transferred to satisfy foreign language proficiency requirements
- Graduation with honors requires 54 hours of coursework to be completed in residence with Texas State
- Students must meet residency requirements to qualify for graduation. Specifically, at least 24 semester-hours of the last 30 hours completed that are required for the degree must be taken at Texas State. Correspondence, extension, and off-campus coursework completed through Texas State may be applied toward residency requirements. Credit-by-examination may not be applied toward residency

Students are responsible for knowing and fulfilling all University, College, Major, and Certification requirements and should refer to the Texas State Undergraduate Catalog for additional information. Students are also encouraged to consult with Academic Advisors to ensure thorough understanding of all degree and graduation requirements.