



Charting Your Future:

A Roadmap from High School to College

GRADUATION PLANS

Foundation + Endorsements 24 Credits

English	4
Math	3
Social Studies	4
Science	3
Foreign Language	2
Fine Arts	1
Speech	0.5
Electives	5.5
PE	1

⊛ STAAR (End Of Course) Complete

⊛ 1 Endorsement (Recommended)

Distinguished Level of Achievement

27 credits + Other District Requirements

English	4
Math*	4
Social Studies	4
Science	4
Foreign Language	3
Fine Arts	1
Speech	0.5
Electives	5.5
PE	1

⊛ STAAR (End Of Course) Complete

⊛ 1 Endorsement (Required)

⊛ Performance Acknowledgment (Recommended)

*Must Include an Advanced Math Course

Distinguished Level of Achievement with Collegiate Honors

28 credits + Other District Requirements

English	4	Fine Arts	1
Math*	4	Speech	0.5
Social Studies	4	Electives	6.5
Science	4	PE	1
Foreign Language	3	College Hours**	42+

⊛ STAAR (End Of Course) Complete

⊛ 1 Endorsement (Required)

⊛ Performance Acknowledgment (Required)

*Must Include an Advanced Math Course

** Must be Core Curriculum Hours

ENDORSEMENTS/CAREER PROGRAMS

- STEM
- Business & Industry
- Public Services
- Arts & Humanities
- Multidisciplinary

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

- STC Associate Degrees
- STC Certificates
- High School Programs of Study
- Opportunity to earn Industry Based Certifications

PERFORMANCE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- Outstanding Performance Dual Credit Courses (12 hrs. College Credit with a B+)
- Bilingualism and Biliteracy (See TEA Requirements)
- Outstanding Performance on College Board AP (3+)
- Outstanding Performance on PSAT, PreACT, ACT, SAT (Meets Benchmarks)
- Nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license

TESTING DATES FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

State Testing <https://tea.texas.gov/student-assessment/testing/student-assessment-testing-calendar-25-26.pdf>

STAAR (End Of Course) Testing Dates*

TEST	FALL 2025	SPRING 2026	SUMMER 2026
Algebra I	Dec. 1-12, 2025	April 20-May 1, 2026	June 15-26, 2026
Biology	Dec. 1-12, 2025	April 13-24, 2026	June 15-26, 2026
English I	Dec. 1-12, 2025	April 6-17, 2026	June 15-26, 2026
English II	Dec. 1-12, 2025	April 6-17, 2026	June 15-26, 2026
US History	Dec. 1-12, 2025	April 13-24, 2026	June 15-26, 2026

*Dates subject to change

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

Student Enrollment Process Requirements

- 1. **Decide** - Choose a major that aligns with your high school endorsement.
- 2. **Apply** - Complete the online application for Admission to South Texas College at www.applytexas.org
- 3. **Qualify** - You may be exempt based on ACT, SAT or PSAT scores.

TSIA 2.0 Assessment	
ELAR	CRC > = 945 AND Essay > = 5 OR CRC < 945 AND Diagnostic Level > = 5 AND Essay > = 5
Math	CRC > = 950 OR CRC < 950 AND Diagnostic Level = 6

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY

Admissions Criteria

- 1. **Be a Rising Junior or Senior in High School**
- 2. **Graduating under the Foundation with Endorsement or Distinguished Plan**
- 3. **Meet one of the following requirements:**
 - Ranked top 10% OR
 - Have a 90 GPA or higher OR
 - Composite score of ACT-22 or SAT-1030 (CR&M)
 - Students can only enroll in Core Curriculum courses (some require pre-requisites)

ASSOCIATE DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

South Texas College offers 120+ degree and certificate program options.

Find them at <https://catalog.southtexascollege.edu/programs/>

Programs of Study Available through PSJA

School of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)

- Biology Academy
- Computer Science Academy
- Cybersecurity Academy
- Electrician Assistant Technology Academy
- Mathematics Academy
- Renewable Energy Academy
- Veterinary Technician Academy

School of Business & Industry

- Automotive Maintenance & Light Repair Academy
- Carpentry/Plumbing & Pipefitting Academy
- Culinary Arts Academy
- Diesel Technology Academy
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration Technology (HVAC) Technology Academy
- Precision Manufacturing Academy
- Real Estate Academy
- Welding Technology Academy

School of Public Service & Health Services

- Criminal Justice Academy
- Cosmetology Academy
- Dental Assistant Academy
- Education Academy
- EKG Technician Academy
- Emergency Medical Technology (EMT) Academy
- Clinical Certified Medical Assistant Academy
- Pharmacy Technician Academy
- Phlebotomy Technician Academy

For more detailed information, please contact your campus counselor or the Counseling & Guidance Department at 956.354.2088