

Evidence and Inquiry Certificate

2014-16 Catalog, expires August 2022

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<p>The Evidence and Inquiry Certificate allows students to design a field of study shaped by questions that require evidence and methodologies outside their major. Students work with faculty and academic consultants to identify interests, map them onto academic disciplines at UT-Austin, and determine questions related to those interests that might be answerable by research that combines expertise from at least two disciplines.</p> <p>Students describe their field of study, identify primary questions, name two UT-Austin faculty members with research experience relevant to their field, and justify the courses they would take in a written proposal that must be approved by a member of the program's faculty panel.</p> <p>Students have the opportunity to present an original research project in a capstone seminar. Those who plan to pursue the certificate should apply to the program adviser for admission no later than the end of their third long semester year.</p> <p>The certificate consists of a minimum of 18 hours, including 9 hours completed in residence.</p>

Evidence and Inquiry Certificate Requirements	Lacking
<p><i>Complete one critical thinking or research methods course from an approved list available from the advisor. The approved list may include the following courses: UGS 303 (Topics: Originality in the Arts and Sciences; Research Methods; or Critical Thinking for the 21st Century): _____</i></p> <p>Other topics or courses may be eligible for substitution by petition.</p>	
<p><i>Complete 4 additional courses, including at least 6 semester hours of upper-division coursework, from the student's approved Evidence and Inquiry field of study:</i></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____ (upper-division)</p> <p>_____ (upper-division)</p>	
<p><i>Senior Capstone Seminar: NSC 371: _____</i></p>	

Receiving the Evidence and Inquiry Certificate
<p>In the College of Natural Sciences, the Evidence and Inquiry Certificate may be used to complement any major. Some certificate courses will also fulfill degree requirements established by the student's major department and are noted when they appear; however, some of the eighteen semester hours required for the certificate may be in addition to the number of hours required for the degree. Interested students should contact the CNS Honors Center, Painter Hall (PAI) 5.60, 512-232-1048.</p>
<p>Note for BSA students only: Coursework undertaken for certificates may overlap with the Core curriculum, writing flags, the quantitative reasoning flag, and Honors coursework. 3 hours MAXIMUM of major coursework may overlap with a transcript-recognized certificate. Overlap is PROHIBITED with the Language, Arts, and Culture requirements and more than 3 hours of major coursework.</p>