**2021–2022 Innovative Course Application**

Application request

Approval of a new innovative course  Renewal of a previously approved  
 innovative course

**Title of proposed innovative course(s):**

Applicant Information

Name of applying school district, charter school, or organization: Click here to enter text.

Complete mailing address: Click here to enter text.

Contact person: Click here to enter text.

Contact person’s title: Click here to enter text.

Contact person’s email address: Click here to enter text.

Contact person’s phone number, area code first: Click here to enter text.

County District Number (if applicant is a Texas public school): Click here to enter text.

Superintendent (if applicant is a Texas public school): Click here to enter text.

Date of local board of trustees’ approval of this innovative course application (if applicant is a Texas public school): Click here to enter text.

Proposed Course Information

Subject area(choose only one): Choose an item.

Career cluster(CTE only): Choose an item.

Number of credits per course: Choose an item.

Grade level(s) (high school only): Click here to enter text.

**Brief description of the proposed course** (150 words or less)**:**

The following are intended to be guiding questions in crafting the course description. Exact answers are not required.

* What is the purpose of the proposed course?
* What are the goals or student outcomes of the proposed course?
* How does the proposed course prepare students for college, career, or military?
* Who are the recommended participants?
* What is the central focus of the proposed course?

**Brief justification of how/why the proposed course qualifies as “innovative” in terms of student need.** (150 words or less)**:**

* What do students learn in the proposed course that is not taught or could not reasonably be taught in an existing TEKS-based course?

What is the specific benefit to the student in successfully completing the proposed course (e.g. industry certification)?

**Data or other evidence that demonstrates successful piloting (new applications) or implementation (renewal applications) of the course.Data and descriptive information should be provided below or in a separate attachment.**

* Provide cited evidence of an existing or previously provided course or pilot. This should include course enrollment numbers and student outcomes for a locally implemented course, pilot program, or for an industry training program that is the model for the proposed innovative course.
* For career and technology education (CTE) courses only: In addition to pilot information, applicants must include evidence that the course is aligned with state and/or regional labor market data.
* Enrollment data for existing courses up for renewal can be found on [TEA’s website](https://rptsvr1.tea.texas.gov/adhocrpt/adfte.html).

**Essential Knowledge and Skills of the proposed course:**

**NOTE:** Proposed CTE course applications must address professional standards/employability skills as required by business and industry as the first knowledge statement. Proposed ethnic studies course applications must include content in history, government, economics, civic engagement, culture, and science and technology.

Please use the styles (Section (a, b, c); KS (1, 2, 3); and SE (A, B, C) in styles menu) provided. **Do not use tabs or spaces**. Knowledge and skills that duplicate the content of a TEKS-based course or can reasonably be taught within an existing TEKS-based course will not be approved.

(a) General Requirements. This course is recommended for students in *[insert grade levels entered on page 1].* Recommended prerequisites: *[list any TEKS-based or innovative courses that would ensure student success in the proposed course].* Students shall be awarded *[insert number of credit(s) entered on page 1*] for successful completion of this course*.*

(b) Introduction.

(1) Discuss how the proposed course aligns with or complements the required curriculum. This should mirror the introduction of the content area, if any, selected on page 1. Please refer to the [TEKS](https://tea.texas.gov/academics/curriculum-standards/teks/texas-essential-knowledge-and-skills) of the content area for guidance.

(2) Include in the introduction the brief description of the course that you created on   
page 2 of this application form.

(c) Knowledge and Skills.

(1) Knowledge Statement. Write in complete sentences using present tense.

(A) Student Expectations should:

* begin with an active verb,
* be observable and measurable,
* relate directly to the Knowledge and Skills statement, and
* describe what skill or knowledge must be taught rather than how to   
  teach it

**Recommended resources, technology, and instructional materials to be used:**

List five to ten. The recommended resources, technology, and instructional materials should:

* be available, accessible, and helpful for students to learn the proposed content;
* include media beyond textbooks, such as industry manuals, periodicals, and online sources; or
* integrate the use and/or application of technology.

General or generic resources may be listed in bullet form. If the resource is published, a full bibliographic citation using [Chicago Manual of Style, 17th Edition](https://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/book/ed17/frontmatter/toc.html) is required.

**Recommended activities:**

List five to ten possible course activities. The recommended activities should:

* relate directly to the content of the proposed course; and
* provide opportunities for students to demonstrate learning.

**Recommended assessment methods for evaluating student outcomes:**

List five to ten possible assessment methods. The recommended assessment methods should include:

* authentic ways to evaluate learning on a daily or weekly basis; and
* a reliable summative assessment to evaluate student mastery of the standards.

**Recommended educator certifications:**

* At least one valid Texas educator certification related to the subject area/career cluster indicated on page 1 must be listed. Please consult [high school teacher assignment rules](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=19&pt=7&ch=231&sch=E) for guidance.
* The Curriculum Standards and Student Support Division will consult with the State Board for Educator Certification to determine appropriate certifications.

**Required trainings, including associated costs, if applicable:**

* Please list any additional required trainings or licensures for teaching the proposed course.
* If there is a cost associated with the required trainings, include that information here.