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Austin Community College identifies college-level competencies within the general education core [1] and provides evidence that graduates have attained these competencies.

As stated in the Austin Community College Catalog, the Texas Legislature has mandated all Texas public institutions of higher education identify a core curriculum that undergraduates must complete before being awarded an associate degree [2]. Through the general education core curriculum, faculty are required to provide learning experiences that support student achievement of core intellectual competencies essential to the learning process in any discipline and that develop multiple perspectives on the individual in relationship to other people and societies. Additionally, faculty members identify the exemplary educational objectives/outcomes that students must achieve in each general education core curriculum course. Institutions must evaluate and report their compliance with the core curriculum requirements to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board every five years [3].

As part of Austin Community College's fall 2004 core curriculum compliance and evaluation report, discipline faculty conducted an audit of core curriculum course master syllabi to verify that instruction addressed the required perspectives and intellectual competencies. Additionally, faculty completed a matrix identifying the methods they used to assess achievement of the exemplary learning objectives

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embedded in those courses [\[4\]](#). The 2009 report to the THECB will present the results of these assessments.

In addition to the required assessment of general education/core curriculum college-level competencies, Austin Community College will pilot the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) in spring 2007 [\[5\]](#). Results from this commercially prepared test will be compared to the results from the FY 1997 administration of the Academic Profile (the MAPP predecessor).