



Programs Of Study

Academic Studies

Academic Studies include communications, fine arts, social sciences, natural sciences and mathematics, kinesiology (physical education), as well as learning skills and teacher education along with library support services for all areas of the College.

Objectives of Academic Studies include: fostering an appreciation of the creative process; the ability to think critically and to communicate effectively; a desire for lifelong learning; and a strong identification with truth and reason.

Courses offered in Academic Studies are designed primarily for transfer. Many courses such as art, music, language, humanities, theatre, and a variety of studio classes serve a dual purpose. They are available for students planning to transfer to a university, and are also available to community members wishing to broaden their educational experience and enrich their lives.

Students selecting majors within Academic Studies should consult with an academic advisor. During the visit with their academic advisor, students will develop a degree plan for their major that sets forth the classes required in the core curriculum as well as suggested specialization courses in their major field of interest. By visiting with their academic advisor on a regular basis, students may make sure they are taking courses that apply not only toward Paris Junior College awarded Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS), but also transfer and apply to their intended baccalaureate degree.

Because most students taking Academic Studies courses plan to transfer to a university, a goal of the College is to assure the transferability of its courses; however, because of the diversity of the population served by the College, students planning to transfer courses to a university or four-year college should take the responsibility of discussing their plans with a counselor from their university-of-choice as well as an advisor on campus.

Academic Studies also provide general education courses for students pursuing technical or workforce training and degrees.

Students planning to continue their education toward a baccalaureate or advanced degree may complete core curriculum courses providing a sound background in the arts and sciences. The 42 hours of core curriculum courses are guaranteed to transfer and replace the first two year core requirements at all state-supported colleges and universities in Texas.

Associate's Degree Core Curriculum (42 credit hours)

Paris Junior College adheres to various policies that are designed to make transfer easy, such as a state-honored block core curriculum, a statewide Guarantee for Transfer program, and participation in the Texas Common Course Numbering System.

The Texas Education Code, as a result of Senate Bill 148, requires all public colleges and universities to have a core curriculum. Core curriculum is defined as “the curriculum in the liberal arts, humanities, sciences, and political, social, and cultural history that all undergraduate students of a particular Texas institution of higher education are required to complete before receiving an associate or bachelor’s degree.”

Every public institution in Texas has a Core, which is designed to provide a solid foundation for your college education and to make transfers between and among Texas institutions of higher education as smooth and seamless as possible.

At the Web site of the Texas General Education Web Center (<http://statecore.its.txstate.edu>) the General Education Core Curricula from institutions across the state of Texas, including Paris Junior College, have been gleaned from Web sites or the most recent catalog available and matched against information collected by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board staff.

Since core curricula are reviewed periodically, resulting in courses being added or deleted, not all of these curricula can ever be absolutely current. An individual student may look at the course category listings of a particular institution and/or compare with other institutions.

The purpose of the block core curriculum is to provide the skills, knowledge, and perspectives that help define the educated person. The courses included in the core curriculum will contribute to the acquisition of these skills perspectives and to a basic core of knowledge.

The core curriculum is predicated on a series of basic intellectual competencies – reading, writing, speaking, listening, critical thinking, and computer literacy – that are essential to the learning process in any discipline. Although students can be expected to come to college with some experience in exercising these competencies, they often need further instruction and practice to meet college standards and, later, to succeed in both their major field of academic study and their chosen career or profession.

PJC will designate core curriculum courses completed by a student on the official PJC transcript. If a student satisfies all component areas, the message “Core Curriculum Completed” will appear on the transcript.

Students should visit with an academic advisor to ensure that they take the correct courses for their Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree program at PJC in addition to the major for their chosen transfer college or university.

Students must complete a minimum of 60 credit hours with a cumulative (overall) grade point average of 2.0 or better and pass all sections of THEA in order to graduate with an associate degree in the state of Texas.

PJC’s common core curriculum courses of 42 credit hours are detailed below, along with additional graduation requirements and elective hours as follows:

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| COMMUNICATION (2 courses) | 6 Credit Hours |
| English 1301..... | Composition & Rhetoric |
| English 1302..... | Composition, Rhetoric & Reading |

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| ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION (1 course) | 3 Credit Hours |
| Speech 1315 | Fundamentals of Speech |
| Speech 1321 | Business & Professional Speaking |
| MATHEMATICS (1 course) | 3 Credit Hours |
| Math 1314 | College Algebra |
| Math 1316 | Trigonometry |
| Math 1324 | Math for Business & Economic Analysis I |
| Math 1325 | Math for Business & Economic Analysis II |
| NATURAL SCIENCE (2 courses) | 8 Credit Hours |
| Biology 1406 | General Biology I |
| Biology 1407 | General Biology II |
| Biology 1408 | General Biology I (non-majors) |
| Biology 1409 | General Biology II (non-majors) |
| Biology 2401 | Anatomy & Physiology |
| Biology 2402 | Anatomy & Physiology |
| Chemistry 1411 | General Chemistry I |
| Chemistry 1412 | General Chemistry II |
| Chemistry 2423 | Organic Chemistry |
| Chemistry 2425 | Organic Chemistry |
| Geology 1403 | General Geology |
| Geology 1404 | General Geology II |
| Physics 1401 | College Physics I |
| Physics 1402 | College Physics II |
| Physics 1403 | Astronomy I |
| Physics 1404 | Astronomy II |
| HUMANITIES (1 course) | 3 Credit Hours |
| Arts 1303 | Art History I |
| Communications 1307 | Introduction to Mass Communications |
| English 2322 | Literature of England |
| English 2323 | Literature of England |
| English 2327 | Literature of America |
| English 2328 | Literature of America |
| French 2311 | Intermediate French |
| French 2312 | Intermediate French |
| German 2311 | Intermediate German |
| German 2312 | Intermediate German |
| History 2311 | History of Western Civilization I |
| History 2312 | History of Western Civilization II |
| Spanish 2311 | Intermediate Spanish |
| Spanish 2312 | Intermediate Spanish |
| VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS (1 course) | 3 Credit Hours |
| Arts 1301 | Art Appreciation |
| Arts 1303 | Art History I |

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| Arts 1304 | Art History II |
| Drama 1310 | Theatre Appreciation |
| Music 1306 | Music Appreciation |

HISTORY (2 courses) 6 Credit Hours

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| History 1301 | United States History to 1877 |
| History 1302 | United States History, 1877 to Present |
| History 2301 | History of Texas |

GOVERNMENT (2 courses) 6 Credit Hours

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| Government 2305 | United States Government |
| Government 2306 | State & Local Government |

SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (1 course) 3 Credit Hours

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| Economics 2301 | Principles of Economics-Macro |
| Economics 2302 | Principles of Economics-Micro |
| History 2311 | The History of Western Civilization |
| History 2312 | The History of Western Civilization |
| Psychology 2301 | General Psychology |
| Psychology 2314 | Lifespan Growth and Development |
| Psychology 2315 | Psychology of Personal Adjustment |
| Sociology 1301 | Introduction to Sociology |
| Sociology 1306 | Social Problems |

INSTITUTIONALLY DESIGNATED OPTION 1 Credit Hour

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| Psychology 1100 or Education 1100 | Learning Frameworks |
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42 Total Credit Hours

Additional Requirements for Associate of Science or Associate of Arts

| Associate of Science | Associate of Arts |
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| Computer (3-4 Credit Hours) | Computer (3-4 Credit Hours) |
| Kinesiology (2 Activity Credit Hours) | Kinesiology (2 Activity Credit Hours) |
| Electives* (12-13 Credit Hours) | Humanities (6 Credit Hours) |
| | Sophomore Literature or |
| | Sophomore Foreign Language |
| | Foreign Language* (6-8 Credit Hours) |

Minimum Credit Semester Hours Required for Graduation for AA or AS: 60 credit hours.

*Students planning to transfer to a university should visit with the Student Development staff or other academic advisors prior to selecting courses in this area. **Note:** Some courses in the core curriculum may require prerequisites. Please check course descriptions in the college catalog. In order to complete an area of emphasis for graduation, students must complete additional (numbers depending on degree) credit hours of recommended electives.

Fields of Study

Mandated in Senate Bill 148, the Fields of Study curricula are intended to facilitate the transferability of lower-division courses among Texas public colleges and universities. Field of Study courses are defined by SB 148 as, “a set of courses that will satisfy the lower-division requirements for a bachelor’s degree in a specific academic major at a general academic teaching institution.” Receiving institutions may not require incoming transfer students to repeat courses with the same content as Field of Study courses. PJC offers Fields of Study curricula for the Business, Communication, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Engineering, Music and Nursing. Refer to the specific Fields of Study curriculum in the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science sections of this catalog.

Guarantee For Transfer Credit

PJC guarantees to its students who have met the requirements for its Associate of Arts/Associate of Science degree and students who have met the 62 credit-hour transfer plan transferability of those course credits to the Texas colleges and/or universities that participate in the Guarantee for Transfer Credit program.

Common Course Numbering

To help meet the transfer needs of its students, PJC is a member of the Texas Common Course Numbering System Consortium. All Texas community/junior colleges and many Texas universities also use this numbering system. The Texas Common Course Numbering System provides a shared, uniform set of course designations for students and their advisors to use in determining both course equivalency and degree applicability of transfer credit on a statewide basis. Students should not assume that only courses with common course numbers will transfer and should see a PJC academic advisor for assistance.

Workforce Education Programs

The Associate of Applied Science degree (AAS) is awarded upon completion of a prescribed program of study designed to prepare students to enter and compete in the job market. AAS curricula are designed to enable the graduate to enter an occupation with marketable skills, an acceptable level of technical competency, and the ability to communicate effectively.

The AAS degree is awarded to students who meet the specific degree requirements along with the graduation requirements listed under the Academic Policies section. The total number of hours required to graduate with an AAS degree vary among the programs from 60-72 hours however, a minimum of 25 percent, must be completed at PJC.

Instructional divisions in each workforce education program area use advisory committees for program development, evaluation, long-range planning, development of employment opportunities for graduates, and other program issues. These committees provide an essential link between the education institution and the business community to ensure that graduates are adequately prepared for employment. Members of the advisory committees are selected from

related industry, prospective employers, and other knowledgeable community representatives. Within each AAS program are suggested time lines for completion of degrees and certificates.

AAS Core Curriculum 15-16 credit hours

COMMUNICATIONS (1 Course)

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| ENGL 1301 | Composition and Rhetoric |
| SPCH 1315 | Fundamental of Public Speaking |
| or 1321 | Business and Professional Speaking |

FINE ARTS / HUMANITIES (1 Course)

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| ARTS 1301 | Art Appreciation |
| ARTS 1303 | Art History I |
| ARTS 1304 | Art History II |
| COMM 1307 | Introduction to Mass Communications |
| DRAM 1310 | Theater Appreciation |
| ENGL 2322* | The Literature of England |
| ENGL 2323* | The Literature of England |
| ENGL 2327* | The Literature of America |
| ENGL 2328* | The Literature of America |
| HIST 2311 | History of Western Civilization I |
| HIST 2312 | History of Western Civilization II |
| MUSI 1306 | Music Appreciation |
| SPAN 2311* | Intermediate Spanish |

SOCIAL / BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE (1 Course)

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| GOVT 2305 | United States Government |
| GOVT 2306 | State and Local Government |
| HIST 1301 | United States History to 1877 |
| HIST 1302 | United States History, 1877 to Present |
| HIST 2301 | History of Texas |
| PSYC 2301 | General Psychology |
| PSYC 2306 | Human Sexuality |
| PSYC 2315 | Psychology of Personal Adjustment |
| SOCI 1301 | An Introduction to Sociology |
| ECON 2301 | Principles of Economics (Macro) |
| ECON 2302 | Principles of Economics (Micro) |

NATURAL SCIENCE & MATH (1 Course)

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| BIOL 1406 | General Biology |
| BIOL 2401 | Human Anatomy and Physiology |
| BIOL 2420 | Microbiology |
| CHEM 1411 | General Chemistry (Inorganic) |
| GEOL 1403 | General Geology I |

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| MATH 1314** | College Algebra (or higher) |
| PHYS 1401 | College Physics I |
| PHYS 1402 | College Physics II |
| PHYS 1403 | Astronomy I |
| PHYS 1404 | Astronomy II |

ELECTIVE (1 Course)

One additional course needs to be selected from any of the above categories.

INSTITUTIONALLY DESIGNATED OPTION 1 Credit Hour

Psychology 1100 or Education 1100 Learning Frameworks

*Pre-requisites required.

**College-level Math (must be academic, not applied). Not including: MATH 1342, 1350 or 1351

NOTE: The second digit in a course number indicates the number of credit hours for that course.

Students should see individual program areas for specific degree requirements.

Each degree program must also contain math, computer, and communication competencies. These should be built into every program to the extent that they are applicable and relevant. If a program area elects math, computer science, or communication courses as general education requirements, the courses must be academic transfer courses of collegiate level and of a general nature, not geared to a specific occupation – e.g., welders, electricians, or secretaries.

Certificate Programs

PJC offers certificate programs designed to meet specific employment needs of the community. Students who enroll in certificate programs are generally interested in re-entering the job market after an absence, changing careers, or upgrading job-related skills in order to enhance employment specialization. Although certifications are normally one year in length, the specific number of credit hours varies by program area.

Graduation

To graduate from Paris Junior College with an Associate Degree, students must:

- » Complete a Request for Graduation form in the Records Office. It is the responsibility of the student to know the application deadline as published in the College Calendar and Student Handbook. The form is available online.
- » Present the completed graduation form to the Records Office.
- » Meet the specific requirements for one of the degrees as described.
- » Have a grade point average of “C” or 2.00 in all work completed, excluding developmental courses.
- » Complete at least 16 hours, and/or 25% or coursework towards the degree, at Paris Junior College.
- » Be enrolled during the calendar and/or academic year during which the

degree is to be awarded.

- » Complete all financial obligations to Paris Junior College.
- » Successfully complete all sections of the THEA (for students not exempt from the TSI requirement).
- » Submit course substitutions to the appropriate Vice President's office.

Note: Academic rules and requirements are subject to change at the end of any semester and/or summer session. Individual academic divisions may prescribe additional standards of performance.

Within five years of initial enrollment a student may graduate according to the catalog requirements in effect at the time of first enrollment or any subsequent catalog provided the requisite courses are still being offered and mandates of regulating agencies are satisfied.

If a student fails within five years to complete all requirements of the catalog in effect at the time of initial enrollment, then the student will be required to graduate under the current catalog.

Accounting / Business Administration

The Accounting/Business Administration program is designed to prepare students for transfer to a four-year university as a business major and adheres to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Field of Study Curriculum for Business. The program will provide students with a background in basic academic areas such as mathematics and the sciences, as well as introductory work in the business areas of accounting, economics and business computer applications. Graduates from the program will have earned an Associate of Science degree and will be ready for junior and senior level work in such business areas as accounting, finance, management, and marketing.

Suggested Course of Study for University Transfer Students (63 Credit Hours)

| Freshman Year | Sophomore Year |
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| PSYC 1100 or EDUC 1100 | ACCT 2301 |
| BCIS 1405 | ACCT 2302 |
| ENGL 1301 | ECON 2301 |
| ENGL 1302 | ECON 2302 |
| HIST 1301 | GOVT 2305 |
| HIST 1302 | GOVT 2306 |
| Lab Science (8 Credit Hours) | Humanities (3 Credit Hours) |
| MATH 1314 or MATH 1324 | MATH 1325 |
| PHED 1134 | PHED Activity |
| SPCH 1315 or 1321 | Social/Behavioral Science (3 Credit Hours) |
| | Visual/Fine Arts (3 Credit Hours) |

Note: Completion of the Field of Study may require an additional term(s).