

Transfer Credits and Juniata College

Many students starting at Juniata this fall will bring transfer credits with them from other institutions, and this document serves to provide you with information about those credits. Some of you are classified as transfer students because you were a full-time student at another institution, and some of you are first-semester college students who may have earned college credits while still in high school.

Transcripts

- It is up to you (not your high school or your previous institution) to have official transcripts from other institutions where you earned college credits to be sent to Juniata College's Office of the Registrar.
- It is important to have those transcripts be received and evaluated prior to your new student orientation. You may want to factor this in when considering which orientation to attend.

College Credit

- Every transfer course is subject to evaluation by the corresponding department chair to determine if Juniata will accept the credits.
- If a course is approved for transfer credit, please bear in mind that the department chair, advisors, and other faculty, in consultation with the student, will decide how to apply those credits to your Program of Emphasis, general education curriculum, and other graduation requirements.
- We do not accept credit for courses such as physical education, yoga, cooking, athletic participation, and classes that are strictly vocational and/or specific to the institution where they were taken (military strategy at a military institution, for instance).
- Only credits of courses that earned grades of C- or better will transfer to Juniata. The grades of those courses will not be calculated in your Juniata cumulative GPA.

Transcript Evaluation

- You should receive written notification from Juniata acknowledging your college credits in the form of a transcript evaluation.
- Some transfer courses will earn the exact equivalent of a Juniata course. An example would be Introduction to Psychology (PY 101), which is offered by most colleges and universities.
- Some transfer courses will not earn a direct equivalent of a Juniata course, but they may be given general credit in a department. For example, a history course that is not equivalent to a Juniata course may earn a generic HS 1XX designation.

College Writing Seminar (CWS)

This is a foundational, first-year writing course that is required for graduation. All first-time, first-year students will take CWS regardless of any college English or writing credits that were earned previously. We may accept those credits as generic EN 1XX, but they may not be counted toward CWS.

Transfer students, depending on their situation, may earn the CWS requirement in one of two ways:

1. The transfer student took a course from another institution that has been deemed a direct equivalent. This will be noted on their transcript evaluation from the Registrar's Office.

2. If the student does not have this designation, they will need to take a Juniata Course. They will receive a “CWS Equivalency Form” that will indicate the method in which they will earn the CWS requirement.
 - The transfer student can take and pass CWS in their first semester at Juniata College.
 - The transfer student, if CWS is not an appropriate course given the student’s academic record, can take any Juniata course in their first semester that is designated as Communication Writing (CW). These courses are writing intensive, and the student must earn a B- or better to earn the CWS equivalency.

Advanced Placement Credits

The results of A.P. exams taken in the senior year will not be known until July, and the Registrar’s Office does not process those credits until late July or early August. Therefore, possible college A.P. credits earned in the senior year will not be factored into course selection at a June orientation unless the student has A.P. test scores from junior year or earlier.

- Students with A.P. test scores of 4 or 5 may be eligible to receive college credit. Each academic department at Juniata has its own requirements and policies regulating the award of such credits. All students with A.P. test scores of 4 or 5 will find a letter from the Registrar in their Juniata mailboxes at the start of the fall semester, which outlines where to go to begin the process of applying Advanced Placement credit toward their Juniata degree.
- Speak to your academic advisors (both your summer orientation advisor and the academic advisor you’re assigned to at the start of the academic year) about any possible A.P. credits.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Credits

If you attended an I.B. high school, please let us know and we will await the results of your exams. It is important for us to know if you earned an I.B. diploma and whether you want to graduate from Juniata College in three years.

The Office of the Registrar

The Registrar’s Office maintains a [database of courses by institution](#) that have previously been evaluated for transfer credit. Please be aware that this database only lists the classes that have previously been evaluated for transfer credit; each institution surely has many more classes that Juniata will accept in transfer. For additional information from the Registrar’s Office regarding transfer information, please visit their [website](#).

If you have any questions about transfer credits, please contact Jodi Prough in the Registrar’s Office at 814-641-3170 or proughj@juniata.edu.

If you have any questions prior to orientation regarding course registration, please call Academic Support at 814-641-3160 or email acadsupport@juniata.edu.