

GEC Transfer Policies:

Definition

A transfer student is a student who has graduated from an approved secondary school program and completed at least one full-time semester of coursework at a regionally accredited community college, junior college, or four-year institution.

A transfer course is a course approved by Juniata's Registrar's Office according to their Transfer Clearance Process.

First year experience

For transfer students who enter with 24 credits or more: The First Year Composition and First Year Seminar requirements are waived.

For transfer students who enter with 12 credits or more: The First Year Composition requirement is waived.

For any transfer student: Transfer students are required to take one credit of First Year Foundations in their first semester on campus. This section of First Year Foundations will be specific to transfer students and provide opportunity for assessment of writing skills in order to connect transfer students who need writing support with appropriate campus resources. The second semester of FYF is waived.

Ways of Knowing

For any student transferring course credit to Juniata based on courses taken *prior* to enrollment at Juniata as a full-time student, Ways of Knowing requirements are treated as distribution requirements for the purpose of establishing waivers based on students' past academic experiences. (For example, a history course transferred in to Juniata substitutes for the Humanistic Thought requirement.)

All Juniata students must take at minimum two Ways of Knowing courses at Juniata. It is expected that only select transfer students and incoming students with substantial prior credits will receive the maximum number of waivers.

Self and the World

Students transferring course credit to Juniata based on courses taken prior to enrollment at Juniata as a full-time student can petition to the Director of General Education for waivers for any of the following requirements on a student-by-student basis considering the students' previous academic and/or co-curricular experiences: U.S. Experience, Ethical Responsibility, Local Engagement, and Global Engagement.

All Juniata students must take at minimum two Self and the World course at Juniata. It is expected that only select transfer students and incoming students with substantial prior credits will receive the maximum number of waivers.

Connections

With very little exception, waivers based on past academic experiences will not be granted for the Connections requirement.

Process

Prospective transfer students:

The Enrollment Office will consult with the Director of General Education to establish waivers for prospective transfer students seeking specific information about the ways in which their previous experiences will impact their General Education requirements.

The Director of General Education will work with Enrollment to create a Transfer Course Credit Form that Enrollment will use to complete an initial assessment of a prospective transfer students' remaining General Education requirements, which will be evaluated and approved by the Director of General Education. Upon enrollment, the Transfer Course Credit Form will be passed to the Registrar's Office for processing.

Currently enrolled students (including incoming first-year students):

Staff in the Registrar's Office will complete evaluation of transfer courses for waivers of requirements based on transfer credits completed before enrolling at Juniata as a full-time student. To facilitate this, the Director of General Education will create a course map for transfer courses.

Current Juniata students are strongly encouraged to take all of their general education requirements through Juniata College. Current students should be aware that Juniata's online summer course offerings include options for courses in Ways of Knowing and Self and the World categories. Current students seeking waivers for any general education requirement based on non-Juniata academic and/or co-curricular experiences will petition to the Director of General Education with the help of their academic advisors. As a general rule, such waivers will only be granted if Juniata does not offer the required General Education course during the term that the student is seeking it (e.g., summer) or if there are compelling extenuating circumstances. The Director of General Education will create the General Education Petition Form and it will be posted to the Registrar's website.