

SSISD and Paris Junior College Compressed Plan Program



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 the Quick 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:

COMMUNICATION (2 courses)	6 Credit Hours
English 1301.	Composition & Rhetoric
English 1302.	Composition, Rhetoric & Reading
ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION (1 course)	3 Credit Hours
Speech 1315	Fundamentals of Speech
Speech 1321	Business & Professional Speaking

MATHEMATICS (1 course)3 Credit Hours
 Math 1314College Algebra
 Math 1316 Trigonometry
 Math 1324 Math for Business & Economic Analysis I
 Math 1325Math 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 1409General Biology II (non-majors)
 Biology 2401Anatomy & Physiology
 Biology 2402Anatomy & 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
 Arts 1304 Art History II
 Drama 1310 Theatre Appreciation
 Music 1306 Music Appreciation

HISTORY (2 courses)	6 Credit Hours
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
Government 2305	United States Government
Government 2306	State & Local Government
SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (1 course)	3 Credit Hours
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
Psychology 1100 or Education 1100	Learning Frameworks

42 Total Credit Hours

Additional Requirements for Associate of Science or Associate of Arts

Associate of Science	Associate of Arts
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 60 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.

Each workforce education program uses 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)

- ENGL 1301 Composition and Rhetoric
- SPCH 1315 Fundamental of Public Speaking

or 1321 Business and Professional Speaking

FINE ARTS / HUMANITIES (1 Course)

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)

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)

BIOL 1406 General Biology
 BIOL 2401 Human Anatomy and Physiology
 BIOL 2420 Microbiology
 CHEM 1411 General Chemistry (Inorganic)
 GEOL 1403 General Geology I
 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 available online. It is the responsibility of the student to know the application deadline as published in the College Calendar and Student Handbook.
- » 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 25% of 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.

PJC and SSISD Core Curriculum Plan

High School Credit		FALL			SPRING		High School Credit	
0.5	Psychology	Learning Framework	1	Concurrent Junior Year	SPCH 1315 or 1321	3	Speech Credit	0.5
0.5	Fine Art Credit	Visual or Per. Art	3		Visual or Per. Art	3	Fine Art Credit	0.5
0.5	1st Half English III	ENGL 1301	3	Dual Credit Junior Year	ENGL 1302	3	2nd Half English III	0.5
0.5	1st Half US History	HIST 1301	3		HIST 1302	3	2nd Half US History	0.5
		Intro to Math 1314		Concurrent Senior Year	MATH 1314	3	4th Math Credit	1
0.5	1st Half 4th Science	Lab Science	4		Lab Science	4	2nd Half 4th Science	0.5
0.5	1st Half English IV	ENGL 2322 (Humanities)	3	Dual Credit Senior Year	ENGL 2323	3	2nd Half English IV	0.5
0.5	Government Credit	GOVT 2305	3		Econ. 2301 or 2302 (Soc. or Beh. Sci.)	3	Economics Credit	0.5
3.5	TOTAL HS CREDITS						TOTAL HS CREDITS	4.5
				Blue Highlight is Core Curriculum		42		
				Yellow Highlight is Elective		6		
				Total hours in HS/Core Plan		48		
							GOVT 2306	3

Student may switch Art and Economics option in Concurrent Junior Year with Lab Science in Concurrent Senior Year if dual credit Physics is desired.

Monday

1st Sem/2nd Sem

Art 1301/Art 1303

Physics 1401/Physics 1402

Wednesday

1st Sem/2nd Sem

Art 1301/Art 1303

Physics 1401/Physics 1402

Friday

1st Sem/2nd Sem

Art 1301/Art 1303

Physics 1401/Physics 1402

Tuesday

1st Sem/2nd Sem

Psy 1100/Speech 1315

Math 1314

Physics 1403/1404

Thursday

1st Sem/2nd Sem

Psy 1100/Speech 1315

Math 1314

Physics 1403/1404