



Johnson County Community College
Transfer Program to Avila University
Core Curriculum
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The [Associate of Arts, AA](#) at JCCC is a general transfer degree and partners well with the first two years of most bachelor degree programs. Students pursuing the AA may select courses that satisfy both the AA degree requirements and lower division requirements for a bachelor's degree at four-year institutions. The elective hours within the AA allow students to complete additional general education and lower division courses required for specific majors. The AA degree requires completion of 60 credit hours. Meeting with a [JCCC counselor](#) is strongly recommended for selection of appropriate courses.

The Avila Core Curriculum manifests Avila's commitment to higher education grounded in the Liberal Arts. The Core Curriculum is divided into three levels of requirements that students complete while meeting the requirements for their baccalaureate degrees.

- **Skills Level** requirements develop fundamental skills key for both academic and professional success.
 - **Liberal Arts Level** requirements provide diverse disciplinary lenses through which to examine the world. Concepts learned and viewpoints experienced at this level promote critical thinking and ethical decision-making with reference to real-life situations across the humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, and arts.
 - **Core Component Designations** requirements focus on seeing beyond the self, immediate community, or chosen discipline. Designations include Interdisciplinary Studies, Global Studies, and Community Engagement, all of which call for application of learning across boundaries.
- All students must complete the Avila University Core Curriculum as part of their degree programs. The Core consists of a minimum of 38 credit hours that meet the requirements below.
 - Transfer students coming to Avila with an Associate of Arts (AA), a Bachelor's degree, or higher degree from an institution accredited by accreditors recognized by both the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and the US Department of Education (USDE), or regional accrediting bodies, will be considered to have completed all Skills and Liberal Arts level requirements in the Core Curriculum. They are still required to complete the following Core Component Designations:
 - IS-Interdisciplinary Studies (3 credit hours)
 - GS-Global Studies or CE-Community Engagement (choose one - 3 credit hours)
 - Any core courses specifically required as part of the general education curriculum for the student's major not previously completed
 - Transfer students coming to Avila without an Associate of Arts (AA), a Bachelor's degree, or higher degree from an institution accredited by accreditors recognized by both the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and the US Department of Education (USDE), or regional accrediting bodies, are required to complete all the Skills and Liberal Arts level requirements in the Core Curriculum as well as the following Core Component Designations:
 - IS-Interdisciplinary Studies (3 credit hours)
 - GS-Global Studies or CE-Community Engagement (choose one - 3 credit hours)
 - Any core courses specifically required as part of the general education curriculum for the student's major not previously completed
 - FS 101 - First-Year Seminar (1 hours) under Skills Level, is waived for transfer students.
 - Credit/No Credit Policy: No major courses specifically required for the major may be taken CR/NC. No more than 12 hours of the CR/NC grade option are applied toward an Avila University Degree. Visit the [Avila University catalog](#) for more information.

Avila Core Curriculum Requirements:

Avila Requirement	Hrs	JCCC Equivalent	Hrs
SKILLS LEVEL (7 credit hours)			
Composition (3 credit hours)			
EN 111 Composition I: Rhetorical Discourse^	3	ENGL 121 Composition I* OR ENGL 119 College Composition I with Review*	3 5
EN 112 Composition II: Rhetorical Argument^	3	ENGL 122 Composition II*	3
Communication (3 credit hours)			
CO 110 Fundamentals of Communication^	3	COMS 120 Interpersonal Communication OR COMS 121 Public Speaking OR COMS 125 Personal Communication	3 3 3
LIBERAL ARTS LEVEL (25-28 credit hours)			
Arts (choose one course - 3 credit hours required)			
AR 181 Survey of Art I: Art of the Ancient World	3	ARTH 180 Art History: Ancient to Medieval	3
AR 183 Survey Art II: From the Renaissance to Modernism	3	ARTH 182 Art History: Renaissance to Modern	3
MU 121 Music: Fingerprints of Culture	3	MUS 121 Introduction to Music Listening	3
AR 221 Beginning Photography	3	PHOT 100 Photography Basics OR PHOT 200 Foundations in Photography OR PHOT 201 Photography I*	3 3 4
TR 110 The World of Theatre	3	THEA 120 Introduction to Theatre	3
History (choose one course – 3 credit hours required)			
HI 203 American Experience I	3	HIST 140 U.S. History To 1877	3
HI 204 American Experience II	3	HIST 141 U.S. History Since 1877	3
HI 201 Ancient History & Culture	3	HIST 151 World History: Traditional	3
HI 202 Modern History & Culture	3	HIST 152 World History: Modern World	3
Literature/Rhetoric (choose one course - 3 credit hours required)			
EN 271 African-American Literature	3	ENGL 216 African-American Literature*	3
EN 275 Gender & Literature	3	ENGL 217 Literature by Women*	3
EN 213 Writing with Style	3	ENGL 222 Advanced Composition*	3
EN 233 Creative Writing	3	ENGL 223 Introduction to Creative Writing*	3
EN 278 Global Literature	3	ENGL 251 World Literature to 1620*	3
Mathematics (choose one course – 3-5 credit hours required)			
MA 117 Mathematical Reasoning & Modeling	4	MATH 151 Contemporary Mathematics*	3
MA 155 Elementary Probability & Statistics	3	MATH 161 Elementary Statistics*	3
MA 120 College Algebra	3	MATH 171 College Algebra*	3
MA 125 Precalculus	5	MATH 173 Precalculus*	5
MA 241 Calculus & Analytic Geometry I	5	MATH 241 Calculus I*	5
Natural Science (choose one course – 4-5 credit hours required – must include a lab)			
BI 112 General Biology: Ecology & Evolution	4	BIOL 127 General Zoology OR BIOL 150 Biology of Organisms*	5
BI 111 General Biology: Cells & Genes	4	BIOL 135 Principles of Cell & Molecular Biology	4
CH 131 Principles of Chemistry	4	CHEM 120 Chemistry in Society* OR CHEM 122 Principles of Chemistry*	4 5
CH 135 General Chemistry I	4	CHEM 124 General Chemistry I Lecture*	4
BI 115 Humans & the Environment	4	EVNR 130/132 Environmental Science/Lab*	3/2

NS 221 Physical Geology	4	GEOS 130 General Geology	5
PH 231 General Physics I	5	PHYS 130 College Physics I* OR PHYS 220 Engineering Physics I*	5 5
Avila Requirement	Hrs	JCCC Equivalent	Hrs
Philosophy (choose one course – 3 credit hours required)			
PL 260 Bioethics	3	EVNR 155 Bioethics*	3
PL 111 Introduction to Philosophy	3	PHIL 121 Introduction to Philosophy	3
PL 113 Critical Reasoning	3	PHIL 124 Logic and Critical Thinking	3
PL 255 Ethics	3	PHIL 143 Ethics	3
PL/RS 221 Belief & Reason	3	PHIL 176 Philosophy of Religion	3
Religious Studies (choose one course – 3 credit hours required)			
RS 221 Belief & Reason	3	PHIL 176 Philosophy of Religion	3
RS 117 World Religions	3	REL 120 Exploring World Religions	3
Social Sciences (choose one course - 3 credit hours required)			
CR 264 Introduction to Criminology	3	CJ 121 Introduction to Criminal Justice System	3
EC 202 Principles of Microeconomics	3	ECON 231 Principles of Microeconomics	3
CO 225 Mass Media & Society	3	JOUR 120 Mass Media and Society	3
PY 101 General Psychology	3	PSYC 130 Introduction to Psychology	3
SO 101 Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 122 Introduction to Sociology	3
SO/SW 205 Social Problems/Social Change	3	SOC 125 Social Problems OR SOC 146 Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare	3
CORE COMPONENT (6-16 credit hours) Students entering Avila as Transfer students must complete credit hours in core component areas based on the number of transfer credits completed at the time of admission to Avila University. 29 credits or fewer: Same requirements as first-year students: 6 credits of IS courses and 6 credits of GS/CE courses at Avila. 30 credits or more: Must complete 3 credits of IS courses and 3 credits of GS/CE courses at Avila.			

*JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

^A grade of "C" or better is required.

It is the STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to check for updates to all transfer information. This transfer guide is provided as a service and is updated as needed. Degree requirements at the four-year colleges are subject to change by those institutions. To ensure you have the most accurate up to date information about the program, it is imperative you meet with an advisor at the transfer institution.