



The Associate of Arts degree (A.A.) at JCCC is a general transfer degree and partners well with the first two years of most bachelor degree programs. Students pursuing the A.A. may select courses that satisfy both the A.A. degree requirements and lower division requirements for a bachelor's degree at four-year institutions. The elective hours within the A.A. allow students to complete additional general education and lower division courses required for specific majors. **The A.A. degree requires completion of 60 credit hours; please see [JCCC A.A. degree requirements](#). The maximum number of hours from a community college that will be applied toward a bachelor's degree at USM is 81 hours.** Meeting with a JCCC counselor is strongly recommended for selection of appropriate courses.

The Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education is a four-year undergraduate program with a minimum of 120 credits required for graduation. Candidates earn a degree with an embedded state accredited licensure program in Secondary Education - Social Studies leading to 6-12 teacher licensure.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Admission to the University of Saint Mary does not confer or guarantee admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP), which has its own acceptance criteria. Transfer juniors and seniors must apply for admission to the Teacher Education Program after their first semester at the University of Saint Mary. For more information, refer to [Declaration of Major](#) and [Teacher Education Program](#).

- Completed admissions application and pay a non-refundable \$25 application fee
- Official transcripts from all previous colleges and universities attended (these must be sent directly from the colleges). The final transcript must indicate conferral of the bachelor's degree.
- Minimum grade point average of 2.0 (on a scale of 4.0)
- To be eligible for admission to the teacher education program, students must have a composite ACT score of 22 or higher, or have achieved passing scores on the reading, mathematics, and writing subtests of the Praxis Academic core or the basic skills test offered through USM.
- Students must make formal applications for admission to the teacher education program after one semester at the University of Saint Mary.
- The A.A. degree at JCCC requires completion of 60 credit hours; please see [JCCC A.A. degree requirements](#). Students who have earned the A.A. at JCCC are considered to have met the University of Saint Mary general education requirements, with the exception of three hours of Theology. Please note: The University of Saint Mary is not participating in the Kansas (KBOR) Systemwide General Education framework. The USM General Education guide can be found at: <https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/transfer/files/transfer-guides/usm-gen-ed-reqs.pdf>

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.

University of Saint Mary course	Hrs	JCCC course	Hrs
General Education Requirements (36 hours) Refer to the USM General Education guide.			
USM Major Requirements (81 hours)			
^EC 232 Principles of Microeconomics	3	ECON 231 Principles of Microeconomics	3
ED 250 Teaching as a profession Seminar	2	EDUC 121 Introduction to Teaching*	3
ED 326 Educating Exceptional Children and Youth	3	EDUC 220 Survey of the Exceptional Child*	3
ED 302 Introduction to Educational Technology	3	EDUC 224 Technology in Education for K-12 Educators	3
^HI 133 United States History I: 1776-1877	3	HIST 140 U.S. History to 1877	3
HI 134 United States History II: 1877-1992	3	HIST 141 U.S. History Since 1877	3
HI 155 Themes in World Civilizations I	3	HIST 151 World History: Traditional	3
HI 156 Themes in World Civilizations II	3	HIST 152 World History: Modern World	3
^PS 132 Debating American National, State and Local Government	3	POLS 124 American National Government	3
PS 281 Different Worlds: Comparative Political Systems	3	POLS 132 Introduction to Comparative Government	3
PY 290 Psychology of Childhood and Adolescence	3	PSYC 215 Child Development*	3
ED 324 Psychological Foundations of Education	3	PSYC 225 Educational Psychology*	3
SO 110 Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 122 Introduction to Sociology	3
Additional required courses will be taken at USM.			
Electives to reach 120 hours			
General Electives	12	Any General Electives courses, click here .	12

*JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

^Satisfies USM general education requirement.