

## General Education Requirements for Bachelor's Degree

### University of Saint Mary- Main Campus

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#### Program Requirements

The Associate of Arts degree (A.A.) or Associate of Science degree (A.S.) at JCCC is a general transfer degree and partners well with the first two years of most bachelor's degree programs. Students pursuing the A.A. or A.S. may select courses that satisfy both the A.A. or A.S. degree requirements and lower division requirements for a bachelor's degree at four-year institutions. The elective hours within the A.A. or A.S. allow students to complete additional general education and lower division courses required for specific majors. The A.A. or A.S. degree requires completion of 60 credit hours; please see JCCC degree requirements (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/degree/requirements/>). Meeting with a JCCC counselor is strongly recommended for selection of appropriate courses.

- The JCCC Connection (<https://www.stmary.edu/jccc>) with USM allows the maximum number of hours from JCCC that will be applied toward a bachelor's degree at USM is 90 credits AND Lower-division gen ed requirements waived for students with a completed A.A. or A.S. degree.  
Note: The three (3) hours of Theology are still required at USM.
- Please note: The University of Saint Mary is not participating in the Kansas (KBOR) Systemwide General Education framework.

*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 information about the program, you must meet with an advisor at the transfer institution.*

#### Program Requirements

##### General Education for the Bachelor Degree at USM – 36 credit hours

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Code	Title	Hours			
USM Spire Foundation <sup>+</sup>		3			
<b>USM Spire Core</b>					
<b>Select one of the following:</b>					
COMS 121	Public Speaking	3	COM 120	Public Speaking	3
COMS 120	Interpersonal Communication	3	COM 125	Interpersonal Communication	3
ENGL 121	Composition I * ^	3	EN 111	English Composition I	3

ENGL 122      Composition II \*      3      EN 112      English Composition 3  
II

**Mathematics: USM MA 134 or higher. 3 hours required.**

**Select one of the following:**

MATH 171	College Algebra *	3	MA 205	College Algebra	3
MATH 172	Trigonometry *	3	MA 211	Trigonometry	3
MATH 181	Statistics		MA 230	Introductory Statistics	3
MATH 241	Calculus I *	5	MA 243	Calculus Analytic Geometry I	4
MATH 242	Calculus II *	5	MA 244	Calculus Analytic Geometry II	4
MATH 243	Calculus III *	5	MA 345	Calculus III: Multivariable	4
MATH 254	Differential Equations *	4	MA 346	Differential Equations	3

**Theology**

**Select one of the following:**

REL 120	Exploring World Religions	3	Satisfies Theology requirement		
REL 125	Asian Religions	3	Satisfies Theology requirement		
REL 126	Religions of the West	3	Satisfies Theology requirement		
REL 150	Islam: Religion and Civilization	3	Satisfies Theology requirement		

**Natural Science with Lab:** 3-4 hours. Any college level Biology, Chemistry, or Environmental Science with a Lab. Visit the USM Transfer Evaluation System (<https://stmary.edu/transferring-credits>) for JCCC equivalent courses.

**Spire Exploration (Respect, Justice, Community, InSpire)**

**Arts:** 3 hours total required. Art, Music (including three 1-credit hour performance credits such as band and choir, max of 4 credits transfer); Theatre

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<b>Select a total of 3 hours required:</b>					
ART 130	Drawing I	3	AR 111	Drawing I	3
ART 135	Painting I	3	AR 240	Painting I	3
ART 142	Ceramics I	3	AR 135	Ceramics I	3
PHOT 201	Photography I	4	AR 155	Photography I	3
WEB 121	Digital Media Assets	4	AR 180	Multimedia	3
MUS 221	Piano Class I	2	MU 141	Class Piano I	1
MUS 222	Piano Class II *	2	MU 142	Class Piano II	1
MUS 223	Piano Class III *	2	MU 143	Class Piano III	1
MUS 231	Applied Voice I (Private)	1	MU 155	Private Voice I	1
MUS 232	Applied Voice II (Private) *	1	MU 156	Private Voice II	1
MUS 233	Applied Voice III (Private) *	1	MU 255	Private Voice III	1
MUS 236	Applied Piano I (Private)	1	MU 153	Private Piano I	1
MUS 237	Applied Piano II (Private) *	1	MU 154	Private Piano II	1

MUS 238	Applied Piano III (Private) *	1	MU 253	Private Piano III	1
THEA 120	Introduction to Theater	3	FATHR 119	Introduction to Theater	3
THEA 121	Fundamentals of Acting	3	THR 250	Acting	3
THEA 136	Costume Construction	3	THR 270	Basic Costuming	2

**Humanities:** 6 hours total required. Must be from two different areas of study. English (excluding EN 006, 110, 111, 112, 200, 490, & 597); History (excluding HI 301, 455 & 569); Philosophy; Spanish (excluding SPA 111, 112, 202, 211, 212, & 320); or Theology (excluding TH 112)

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Code	Title		Hours		
<b>Select two courses from the following:</b>					
ENGL 230	Introduction to Fiction *	3	EN 172	Introduction to Fiction	3
ENGL 236	British Literature to 1800 *	3	EN 245	British Literature I	3
ENGL 237	British Literature after 1800 *	3	EN 246	British Literature II	3
ENGL 246	American Literature I *	3	EN 251	Amer Lit I: Creating Cultures	3
ENGL 247	American Literature II *	3	EN 252	Amer Lit II: Finding Voices	3
HIST 140	U.S. History to 1877	3	HI 133	U.S. History I: 1776-1877	3
HIST 141	U.S. History Since 1877	3	HI 134	US History II: 1877-1991	3
HIST 151	World History: Traditional	3	HI 155	Themes in World Civilization I	3
HIST 152	World History: Modern World	3	HI 156	Themes World Civilization II	3
PHIL 121	Introduction to Philosophy	3	PH 100	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 124	Logic and Critical Thinking	3	PH 180	Logic	3
REL 120	Exploring World Religions	3	TH 100	Intro to World Religions	3

**Social or Behavioral Sciences:** 6 hours total required. Must be from two different areas of study. Criminology; Economics; Political Science; Psychology; Sociology; Social Work

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Code	Title		Hours		
<b>Select two courses from the following:</b>					
CJ 121	Introduction to Criminal Justice System	3	CR 270	"Police, Courts, Prob Parole"	3
CJ 127	Criminology	3	CR 450	Criminology	3
ECON 230	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	EC 233	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON 231	Principles of Microeconomics	3	EC 232	Principles of Microeconomics	3
POLS 124	American National Government	3	PS 132	"Debatng Amer Nat'l, St/ Loc Gov"	3
POLS 122	Political Science	3	PS 220	Intro to Political Science	3
POLS 132	Introduction to Comparative Government	3	PS 281	Diff Worlds:Compar Politcl Sys	3



POLS 135	International Relations	3	GSPS 250	Intro to Internat'l Relations	3
PSYC 130	Introduction to Psychology	3	PY 150	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 205	Human Sexuality *	3	PY 320	Human Sexuality	3
PSYC 209	Statistics in Psychological Research *	3	PY 586	Stats for Soc Behavioral Sci	3
PSYC 210	Research Methods in Psychology *	3	PY 585	Research Methods Design	3
PSYC 220	Social Psychology *	3	PY 460	Social Psychology	3
PSYC 218	Human Development *	3	PY 230	Lifespan Development	3
PSYC 250	Health Psychology *	3	PY 315	Health Psychology	3

- \* JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.
- + USM TH 112 Introduction to Spirituality is required to satisfy USM Spire Foundation. There is no JCCC equivalent.
- ^ Students can choose USM EN 110 Principles of Composition OR EN 111 English Composition I. There is no JCCC equivalent for USM EN 110.

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