

# Transfer as a Junior (fka TSAP)

## Q & A

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**1. Q. Which programs are Transfer as a Junior versions as of 2019-20?**

A. All existing Transfer Single Articulation Pathway programs are known internally by the new name of Transfer as a Junior. These programs are the AS degrees in Business Administration (including via Distance Education), Computer Science (including via Distance Education), Criminal Justice (including via Distance Education), Early Childhood Education, Education – Elementary Education – Special Education, Electrical Engineering Technology, Human Services (Social Work option only), Informatics (including via Distance Education), Mechanical Engineering Technology, and Nursing (traditional program only) are all Transfer as a Junior programs effective Fall 2015. Mechanical Engineering was added in the fall 2016. In fall 2017, new Transfer as a Junior programs were added in biology, chemistry, human services (human services option) and psychology. In fall 2018, a new degree in secondary education with teaching tracks available in biology and mathematics was added. Note: Each Transfer as a Junior degree is not necessarily available at every campus.

**2. Q. Who is eligible for a Transfer as a Junior program?**

A. Students selecting their program of study after May 1, 2015 are eligible for the Transfer as a Junior program. Students who enrolled at Ivy Tech prior to May 1, 2015 may be eligible by meeting both of the following conditions: (1) changing their catalog year to Fall 2015 or later; (2) completion of at least 50% of the professional/technical coursework for their degree after May 1, 2015. The 50% coursework requirement will be taken into account in the degree audit (Degree Completion Tracker/u.achieve).

**3. Q. What about students with more than 50% Ivy Tech coursework in their major (professional/technical and statewide electives; depending on program, the capstone course as well) prior to May 1, 2015? What are their options?**

A. Students with Ivy Tech coursework in their major prior to May 1, 2015 may retake pre-May 2015 coursework as required to meet the 50% threshold and complete the Transfer as a Junior degree.

**4. Q. Can new students opt to take a non-Transfer as a Junior curriculum version of the AS degree, should they prefer not take the Transfer as a Junior curriculum?**

A. There is one option for new students to take a non-Transfer as a Junior curriculum version of a degree. The AS in Business Administration allows for a non-Transfer as a Junior option for students who wish to take six hours from MATH 135, 136, and 137 instead of the quantitative reasoning courses required for the Transfer as a Junior Business Administration degree. Students who choose this option will not receive a Transfer as a Junior degree so the guaranteed transfer does not apply. Nursing has also retained a transition degree from LPN to ASN and from paramedic to ASN. These two transition programs do not follow the TSAP structure.

**5. Q. Is Nursing one of the Transfer as a Junior degree programs?**

A. Yes. However, the nursing program also maintains two non-Transfer as a Junior transition programs for LPN and paramedic students. These two transition programs do not follow the Transfer as a Junior structure.

**6. Q. What is the STGEC and how is that related to the Transfer as a Junior degree?**

A. STGEC stands for Statewide Transfer General Education Core. All Transfer as a Junior degrees, with the single exception of nursing, include the STGEC as part of the degree requirements. This means that when students complete those degrees, they will also have completed the STGEC.

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**7. Q. How does the Statewide General Education Transfer Core (STGEC) annotation work with the Transfer as a Junior degrees?**

- A. If a student comes to Ivy Tech with the STGEC annotation from another institution, Ivy Tech will do the following:
- match equivalencies for all General Education course requirements in the student's chosen Transfer as a Junior curriculum with coursework taken at the other institution
  - ensure that the student receives a minimum of 30 credits in transfer credit

This may mean that the student would still need to take some general education courses at Ivy Tech, if the coursework from the other institution does not exactly match the curricular requirements of the Transfer as a Junior degree. Transfer credit may be used in the Transfer as a Junior programs; however, no curricular substitutions may be made.

**8. Q. Are there any course exchanges that are permissible in Transfer as a Junior programs?**

- A. As of June 2019, there are several allowable course exchanges for Transfer as a Junior programs:
1. Business Administration Transfer as a Junior program –The following course exchange has been approved: MATH 211 for MATH 201.
  2. IVYT 111 – if a student takes an IVYT course other than 111 (which is the one required for the Transfer as a Junior degrees), that course is allowed to exchange for IVYT 111.
  3. Electrical Engineering Technology—The following course exchanges have been approved: MATH 211 for MATH 221, MATH 212 for MATH 222, PHYS 220 for PHYS 101, PHYS 221 for PHYS 102, and CHEM 105 for CHEM 111.
  4. Mechanical Engineering Technology—The following course exchanges have been approved: MATH 211 for MATH 221, MATH 212 for MATH 222, PHYS 220 for PHYS 101 and CHEM 105 for CHEM 111.

Program chairs with potential exchanges should discuss them with the applicable Systems Office (SO) Academic Affairs liaison to begin the process to have the course exchange approved.

**9. Q. What about students who transfer in work taken at other institutions prior to Fall 2015?**

- A. If a student transfers into Ivy Tech from another regionally accredited institution, that work can be transferred into a Transfer as a Junior program as long as it meets our normal course transfer requirements. However, no more than 50% of the professional/technical core classes can be transferred into the Transfer as a Junior degree if taken prior to the Fall 2015.

**10. Q. Are there any restrictions on the type of coursework that can be applied to a Transfer as a Junior degree?**

- A. Yes. The legislation that created the single articulation pathways states that only coursework resulting in Advanced Placement credit, dual credit, International Baccalaureate credit, and credit from regionally accredited institutions may apply to an associate's degree within a Transfer as a Junior Transfer Single Articulation Pathway. CLEP credit may also be used to meet general education requirements for Transfer as a Junior degrees. Students who have taken DANTES or DSST exams may take CLEP exams or retake courses to meet general education requirements; however, at this time DANTES and DSST exams are not eligible to be applied to STGEC or Transfer as a Junior requirements. In addition, prior learning assessment (PLA) credit cannot be used to meet Transfer as a Junior degree requirements.

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**11. Q. Is Ivy Tech dual credit coursework taken prior to Fall 2015 eligible to be used in a Transfer as a Junior program?**

A. It depends on the course that was completed through dual credit. Students must take at least half of their major professional/technical core after May 1, 2015. Therefore, dual credit coursework taken prior to May 1, 2015 would not be eligible if the 50% limitation is exceeded. The student would need to retake the coursework to be in a Transfer as a Junior program. However, general education coursework taken through dual credit may be counted toward a Transfer as a Junior degree without limitation.

**12. Q. Will a "D" grade count for a Transfer as a Junior degree?**

A. Yes, as long as the program does not require a higher grade standard. If a program has a higher grade standard for all students then the higher grade standard applies to the Transfer as a Junior degree.

**13. Q. Will a "D" grade transfer when the student goes to transfer to another school?**

A. Maybe; Transfer as a Junior legislation requires that incoming transfer students be treated the same as native students. Therefore, if the receiving institution requires "C" or better from all students then the "D" grade will not transfer but the student will still be awarded the total number of credits earned at Ivy Tech.

**14. Q. Will we transfer in "D" grades for a Transfer as a Junior degree?**

A. No, but if a student has earned a STGEC we will give the student the required 30 credits. However, if Ivy Tech requires a grade higher than a D for all students, the student may have to retake the course for which the student received a "D" grade.