

Transfer as a Junior (formerly known as Transfer Single Articulation Pathways (TSAP)) Q & A

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1. Q. Which programs are Transfer as a Junior versions as of Spring 2018?

A. All existing Transfer Single Articulation Pathway programs are transitioning to 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 will be available. 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 coursework for their degree after May 1, 2015. No professional/technical or statewide elective requirements taken at Ivy Tech prior to Fall 2014 can be counted toward completion of a Transfer as a Junior program. However, general education coursework (including applicable electives) can be counted toward completion of a Transfer as a Junior program if taken prior to Fall 2014. The 50% coursework requirement will be taken into account in the degree audit (Degree Completion Tracker/u.achieve).

3. Q. What about students with Ivy Tech coursework in their major (professional/technical and statewide electives; depending on program, the capstone course as well) prior to Fall 2014? What are their options?

A. Students with Ivy Tech coursework in their major prior to Fall 2014 have two options:

- retake any pre-Fall 2014 coursework (note general education exception above) and complete the Transfer as a Junior degree.
- stay on the non-Transfer as a Junior version of the degree and complete according to the curriculum requirements for the particular catalog year in effect for them.

4. Q. What about readmitted students since Fall 2015 with Ivy Tech coursework prior to Fall 2014?

A. Students who are readmitted for Fall 2015 or later who wish to major in one of the Transfer as a Junior degree areas but have Ivy Tech coursework within their major taken prior to Fall 2014 can be placed in the non-Transfer as a Junior version of the program. The old Banner codes for these programs can be used with a catalog year of 2015-16 or later for most programs; exceptions include Business Administration and Human Services.

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5. Q. If a readmitted student is pursuing the non-Transfer as a Junior version of the program, what curriculum requirements will the student be following?

A. The curriculum requirements in effect for the 2014-15 catalog year will be the curriculum requirements the student will follow with two exceptions:

(1) Students who are admitted to the traditional Nursing program for Fall 2015 who have Ivy Tech coursework taken prior to Fall 2014 will be placed into a non-Transfer as a Junior traditional Nursing program whose degree requirements are the same as those students in the Transfer as a Junior version of the program.

(2) Students pursuing the non-Transfer as a Junior version of the Business Administration curriculum will follow the current requirements of the Transfer as a Junior version of the curriculum with the exception of quantitative reasoning.

6. Q. How long will the non-Transfer as a Junior versions of the curriculum be available for students who have Ivy Tech coursework taken prior to Fall 2014?

A. The non-Transfer as a Junior 2014 version of the curriculum is available for students who are disadvantaged by following the Transfer as a Junior curriculum. It is not an option for new transfer or first-year students. Students who have been enrolled at Ivy Tech but who have discontinued enrollment for six or more terms may choose to re-enroll in the 2014 version of the curriculum in order to avoid having to repeat multiple courses to earn their degree. Such students are advised that they will not be receiving a Transfer as a Junior degree; therefore, the guaranteed transfer of credit into the 4 year program does not apply. There are two exceptions to this: (1) nursing, where a non-Transfer as a Junior ASN will continue to be offered; and (2) Business Administration, where a non-Transfer as a Junior AS allows students to choose different mathematics courses than those required for Transfer as a Junior.

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

A. There are two options for new students to take the 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. The other exception is for nursing students.

8. Q. Are there other circumstances that may place a student into the non-Transfer as a Junior version of the program?

A. If a student has been enrolled at Ivy Tech prior to Fall 2015, but on or after Fall 2014, and has any course substitutions in his/her program, that student CANNOT be on the Transfer as a Junior version of the program. The Transfer as a Junior does not allow for any course substitutions in degree requirements, so if a course substitution is deemed necessary by the campus, it will place the student into the non-Transfer as a Junior version of the curriculum and that student will follow the 2014-15 curriculum for the program (with the Nursing and business exceptions listed above).

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9. Q. Will Ivy Tech continue to offer non-Transfer as a Junior AS degrees as an option for new students should they prefer not to take the Transfer as a Junior?

A. As stated above, there are no non-Transfer as a Junior AS options starting in fall 2015 with two exceptions. The AS in business 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 degree. Students who choose this option will not receive a Transfer as a Junior degree so the guaranteed transfer does not apply. The other exception is for Nursing students.

10. 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.

11. 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.

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

A. As of May 2018, 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.

13. Q. What about students who transfer in work taken prior to Fall 2014 at other universities?

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. It does not have to be taken Fall 2014 or after. The Fall 2014 stipulation applies only to coursework taken at Ivy Tech. However, the transfer of credit into Ivy Tech must have occurred since the

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start of fall semester 2014, which must be posted correctly to the term of transfer to Ivy Tech, not when the course was taken at the other institution. This term posting requirement also applies to AP and CLEP credit.

14. 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. Students who wish to apply credit for coursework through other means such as transferring credit from a non-regionally accredited institution will not be able to receive a Transfer as a Junior degree. In addition, prior learning assessment (PLA) credit cannot be used to meet Transfer as a Junior degree requirements.

15. Q. Is Ivy Tech dual credit coursework taken prior to Fall 2014 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 their major course requirements on or after Fall 2014 so dual credit coursework taken prior to then would not be eligible. The student would either need to retake the coursework to be in a Transfer as a Junior program, or be placed in the 2014 non-Transfer as a Junior version of the program. However, general education coursework that was taken through dual credit may be counted toward a Transfer as a Junior degree even if completed prior to Fall 2014.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.