

Academic Information

Grades - The grading system of Jamestown Community College is as follows:

Grade	Meaning	Quality Points	Grade	Meaning	Quality Points
A	Excellent	4.0	F	Failure	0.0
B+	Very good	3.5	I	Incomplete	0.0
B	Good	3.0	CR	Credit	0.0
C+	Above average	2.5	AU	Audit	0.0
C	Average	2.0	W	Official withdrawal	0.0
D+	Fair	1.5	X	Administrative withdrawal	0.0
D	Passing	1.0			

Students are encouraged to consult the college catalog for additional information about the Incomplete (I), Credit (CR), Audit (AU), Official withdrawal (W), and Administrative withdrawal (X) grades.

Imputed Credit: The faculty and administration have determined that some courses listed in this master schedule may not be counted toward degree programs offered by the college. These are courses which are not at the college level, but are designed as remedial courses for students who need to prepare themselves for college-level work. Courses in this category carry imputed credit and are designated in this schedule as IC. Eligible students enrolled in courses carrying imputed credit may receive financial aid.

Attendance: Every student is expected to attend all lecture and laboratory sessions for which he or she is registered. Absences will be recorded by instructors, and the student will be held responsible for making up all work missed. Attendance requirements for each course are established by the instructor and announced, published, and distributed with the course outline at the first class meeting.

Participation in Online Courses: Online students must begin their course the week it is scheduled to begin. Students are expected to log in to their course three-four times per week. Participation requirements are set by the instructor and published in course information documents.

Retention and Graduation Rates: A study of the 889 students who enrolled as first time full-time students at JCC in fall 2005 indicated that 29.1% had graduated by the end of the fall 2008 semester. An additional 19% had transferred to other colleges prior to graduation and 7.4% were still enrolled. A recent survey of 2008 graduates indicated that 53% of those responding had transferred to other colleges or universities, while 48% were employed full-time. (Sources: Materials from the State University of New York Administration Office of Institutional Research and the 2007-2008 graduate follow-up survey conducted by JCC's Office of Institutional Research.) This data is available in the institutional research office on the Jamestown Campus. Contact Barbara Russell, assistant dean of research and planning at 716.338.1210 for additional information. It should be noted that some students "stop out" for a semester or two due to family, work, or financial considerations, but eventually return to complete their educational programs. Some students leave college before receiving their degrees because they have obtained the necessary skills for employment or have otherwise met their educational goals by attending JCC. Additional information about JCC graduates is available at <http://www.sunyjcc.edu/facts>.

Advanced Degree Opportunities

Empire State College, a fully accredited unit of the State University of New York, offers master's, bachelor's, and associate's degrees in several concentrations. Empire State offers the mature student the opportunity to design an individualized degree program and complete the learning through guided independent studies, small study groups, and credit for learning through life/work experience. *For details, contact Sandra Johnson on the Cattaraugus County Campus, 716.376.7511, or Paula Newell on the Jamestown Campus, 716.338.1370.*

Franklin University, through a unique partnership with JCC, offers the opportunity to complete its bachelor's degree online. Once a student has completed an associate's degree at JCC, he or she then takes bridge courses at JCC along with online courses through Franklin University to earn a bachelor's degree. *For details, contact Bob Morris at Franklin University at 888.341.6237 or by e-mail at morrisb@franklin.edu.*

Houghton College's P.A.C.E. management degree completion program provides classes at the Cattaraugus County and Jamestown campuses. With the equivalent of two years' prior course work, students can complete a bachelor's degree in about 16 months. Students can earn three credits every five weeks attending just one night a week, taking one course at a time; convert life learning into college credits; and qualify as a full-time student, eligible to apply for financial aid. *For details, call 888.874.7223.*

SUNY Buffalo offers its master's degree in social work on the Jamestown Campus. The program teaches students to approach problems from various perspectives and within multiple contexts, thereby preparing creative problem solvers. *For details, call the JCC on-site coordinator, Elaine Hammond, 716.338.1245.*

The United States Sports Academy, an independent, non-profit, accredited, special mission sports university, offers JCC graduates the opportunity to complete undergraduate degrees through the academy's upper division Bachelor of Sports Science degree completion program. Programs of study include sports management, sports coaching, and sports studies. All programs are completely online. The academy is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. *For details, contact admissions@ussa.edu or call 1.800.223.2668.*