



UpGrade Implementation Plan 2020-2021

John Tyler Community College – Dinwiddie County Public Schools

General Education Certificate



Dinwiddie County Public Schools and John Tyler Community College have partnered to provide this advanced college pathway for high-achieving high school students to complete the 32-Credit **General Education Certificate** through John Tyler Community College concurrent with high school graduation. Qualified UpGrade graduates may receive the Governor’s Medallion and be recognized as Governor’s Scholars.

Course Options To Fulfill College Requirements	Term(s) Scheduled F, S, Sum	Course Location	Delivery Method* Approved By JTCC DE, CE, AP, IB	College Credits	Teaching Faculty Provider	Fulfills H.S. Requirement	H.S. Course Name In Program of Studies
ENGLISH/COLLEGE COMPOSITION – 6 CREDITS REQUIRED *****							
ENG 111 College Composition I	F	DHS	DE-JTCC/AP English Lit & Comp	3	DCPS	Y	English/College Composition
ENG 112 College Composition II	F	DHS	DE-JTCC/AP English Lit & Comp	3	DCPS	Y	English/College Composition
MATHEMATICS ELECTIVE – 3 CREDITS REQUIRED *****							
MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	3	JTCC		
MTH 161 Pre-calculus I	S	DHS	DE-JTCC	3	DCPS	Y	Pre-calculus
MTH 263 Calculus I**	F/S/Sum	JTCC/DHS	CE/AP Calculus AB	4	CE/DCPS	Y	Calculus I
LABORATORY SCIENCES ELECTIVES – 8 CREDITS REQUIRED (High school students may complete two different sciences or a two-semester sequence in a single science.) *****							
BIO 101 General Biology I	F	DHS	DE-JTCC	4	DCPS	Y	General Biology I
BIO 102 General Biology II	S	DHS	DE-JTCC	4	DCPS	Y	General Biology II
ENV 121 Environmental Science I	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	4	JTCC		
CHM 101 Intro Chemistry I	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	4	JTCC		
CHM 111 College Chemistry I	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	4	JTCC		
CHM 112 College Chemistry II	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	4	JTCC		
PHY 101 Intro Physics I	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	4	JTCC		
PHY 201 General College Physics I	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	4	JTCC		
PHY 202 General College Physics II	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	4	JTCC		
HISTORY ELECTIVE – 3 CREDITS REQUIRED *****							
HIS 111 World Civilization I	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE/AP World History	3	JTCC/DCPS	Y	World History
HIS 112 World Civilization II	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE/AP World History	3	JTCC/DCPS	Y	World History
HIS 121 US History I	F/S/Sum	JTCC/DHS	CE/AP US History	3	JTCC/DCPS	Y	US/VA History

HIS 122 US History II	F/S/Sum	JTCC/DHS	CE/AP US History	3	JTCC/DCPS	Y	US/VA History
CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING/CIVIC ENGAGEMENT ELECTIVE – 3 CREDITS REQUIRED *****							
REL 230 Religions of World	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	3	JTCC		
SOC 268 Social Problems	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	3	JTCC		
GEO 210 Cultural Geography	F/S/Sum	JTCC/DCPS	CE/AP Human Geography	3	JTCC/Virtual VA	Y	Geography
GEO 220 World Regional Geography	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	3	JTCC		
PLS 135 American National Politics	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	3	JTCC		
PLS 241 International Relations I	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	3	JTCC		
SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL ELECTIVES – 3 CREDITS REQUIRED)*****							
PSY 200 Principles of Psychology	F/S/Sum	JTCC/DCPS	CE/AP Psychology	3	JTCC/DCPS	Y	Psychology
PSY 230 Developmental Psychology	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	3	JTCC		
SOC 200 Principles of Sociology	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	3	JTCC		
SOC 211 Principles of Anthropology I	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	3	JTCC		
SOC 268 Social Problems	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	3	JTCC		
SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE OR HUMANITIES ELECTIVE – 3 CREDITS REQUIRED *****							
HIS 112 World Civilization II	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	3	JTCC		
HIS 122 US History II	F/S/Sum	JTCC/DCPS	CE/AP US History	3	JTCC/DCPS	Y	US/VA History
PHI 101 Intro Philosophy I	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	3	JTCC		
PHI 111 Logic	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	3	JTCC		
PHI 220 Ethics	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	3	JTCC		
PSY 230 Developmental Psychology	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	4	JTCC		
REL 100 Intro Study of Religion	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	3	JTCC		
FRE 101 Beginning French I	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	4	JTCC		
SPA 101 Beginning Spanish I	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	4	JTCC		
SPA 102 Beginning Spanish II	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	4	JTCC		
<i>FRE 201 Intermediate French I***</i>	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	3	JTCC		
<i>SPA 201 Intermediate Spanish I***</i>	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	3	JTCC		
LITERATURE ELECTIVE – 3 CREDITS REQUIRED *****							
ENG 241 American Literature I	S	DHS	DE-JTCC	3	DCPS	Y	American Literature
ENG 242 American Literature II	S	DHS	DE-JTCC	3	DCPS	Y	American Literature
ENG 243 English Literature I	S	DHS	DE-JTCC	3	DCPS	Y	English Literature
ENG 244 English Literature II	S	DHS	DE-JTCC	3	DCPS	Y	English Literature
ENG 251 World Literature I	F/S/Sum	JTCC	CE	3	JTCC		

This certificate is designed to parallel the first year of general education at many transfer institutions.

Additional information and student forms for the UpGrade Program are available at <http://www.jtcc.edu/upgrade>. *Term/Semesters are subject to change.*

**Delivery Method – Students may complete the General Education Certificate through a variety of means. Each high school offers a unique combination of course options.*

- **DE- JTCC (Dual Enrollment)** - Enrollment in college classes taught at the high school by instructors who meet the credential requirements set forth by the VCCS and/or the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Dual credit will be awarded toward this plan for pre-approved courses. A grade of 'C' or higher is expected. Courses shown as offered through DE are available in at least one high school in the John Tyler region.
- **CE-JTCC (Concurrent Enrollment)** - Enrollment in college classes taught by college faculty on campus, via the Internet, as a hybrid, or possibly at the high school. JTCC credit will be awarded toward this plan for pre-approved courses. A grade of 'C' or higher is expected. [These courses are taken by high school students entirely at their own expense. Domicile and immigration regulations/deadlines apply.](#) CE-JTCC courses are taken with the permission of the parent, high school principal, and JTCC. All of the requirements can be met through concurrent enrollment at the College.
- **AP (Advanced Placement)** - Credit awarded by JTCC for score of '3' or higher on Advanced Placement exam. Students must request that scores be reported to JTCC.
- **IB (International Baccalaureate)** – Credit awarded by JTCC for exam scores – credit varies by score (4&5 or 6&7). Students must request that scores be reported to JTCC.

Students who take AP or IB exams in the senior year will not qualify in time for JTCC spring graduation or the annual Commencement ceremony, but may qualify for August graduation.

****This course is not required for the General Education Certificate, although it satisfies a requirement.** Students should also investigate JTCC's specialized transfer degrees at www.jtcc.edu/academics, such as: AS in Engineering, AS in General Studies- Science Specialization and the AS in Health Sciences/Pre-BSN. Students interested in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)-related transfer degrees should take MTH 161 or higher to fulfill their math requirement. STEM students should take CHM 111-112 and either PHY 201-202 or PHY 241-242 for their degrees.

******* AP Chinese, German, Italian, Japanese and Latin are also accepted. Students should consult with their intended senior institutions regarding any required levels of foreign language competency (beginning, intermediate, etc.) Students who excel in foreign languages should also investigate the AA in Liberal Arts. Details are available at www.jtcc.edu/academics.

[Residency Requirement - Students must earn at least twenty-five percent – 8 college credits - through JTCC Dual and/or Concurrent Enrollment to satisfy the JTCC Residency Requirement.](#) Any modifications to the above pathway will be outlined in writing and agreed upon by JTCC and school division. Any modifications will not prevent students from obtaining the plan's intended credential. All classes are subject to availability.

Guaranteed Admission and Transfer Agreements

A number of four-year colleges and universities have signed agreements that guarantee admission to JTCC [degree graduates](#), including those from the UpGrade program. Several institutions prefer that UpGrade students complete the General Education Certificate and enroll at JTCC to complete a specified degree to qualify for guaranteed admission. Some institutions limit credit that can be earned through AP. Details of John Tyler's transfer agreements are located at: www.jtcc.edu/transfer. Students should consult with admission [and](#) transfer offices at each of their intended institutions. Students may request possible course substitutions at JTCC to satisfy major requirements for an intended senior institution.