

Preferred Partnership Agreement Between Jamestown Community College and the State University of New York at Fredonia- 2024

Preferred Partnership Understanding

SUNY Fredonia and Jamestown Community College (JCC) are forging a significant partnership aimed at enhancing the educational journey of students. This agreement solidifies a preferred relationship between the institutions, committed to facilitating seamless degree completion. In doing so, Fredonia pledges that JCC transfer students will receive preferred benefits relative to the admissions process, transfer credit considerations, curricular pathways, course registration, and engagement experiences. This preferred status underscores the shared recognition by both institutions of unique collaborative opportunities that promise mutual benefits. Potential areas of collaboration and benefits encompass, but are not restricted to:

- Co-branded and/or co-located academic programs
- Special agreements related to transfer articulation
- Development of academic recovery pathway for academically dismissed students at Fredonia
- Utilizing physical space on partner's campus
- Collaborating on targeted high school and international recruitment activities
- Joint grant development
- Shared services/staffing and professional development
- Student access to services, discounts, and activities on partner campus
- Special scholarship opportunities

Partner Marketing and Promotions

Both institutions will give the other institution a prominent presence on their transfer partner webpages, underscoring the preferred partner status enjoyed by both colleges and the benefits to students who pursue an educational path through both colleges. Fredonia and JCC will develop and implement a communication plan that includes a shared calendar of critical deadlines in support of preferred opportunities.

Given the dynamic nature of the relationship, periodic review and updating of specific benefits will occur to ensure that the agreement is accurate and timely. Cross-institutional teams will be identified and charged with development of specific initiatives associated with preferred status. All formalized programs and benefits established through this partnership will be articulated in appendices to this agreement annually.

Appendix I: Preferred Partnership Articulation Agreement between Jamestown Community College and SUNY Fredonia- 2024

Purpose

SUNY Fredonia and Jamestown Community College (JCC) enter into this agreement to facilitate the seamless transfer of JCC students to Fredonia, ensuring academic success and a smooth transition toward degree completion. This document reflects the essential components of an articulation agreement focused on credit transfer policies, academic pathways, advising support, and joint promotional efforts.

Curricular Commitments

Transfer Credit Evaluation and Advisement

Fredonia will comply with SUNY's Seamless Transfer Policy, a comprehensive system-wide program that will facilitate the transfer of qualified students from one SUNY institution to another.

Fredonia currently accepts 66 lower level credits from regionally accredited community colleges. JCC students transferring into Fredonia will be eligible to transfer an additional 9 credits (75 credits total) upon an official transfer evaluation assessment and academic advisement review. If it is determined that additional credit can be accepted, a waiver form will be submitted on behalf of the JCC transfer student.

Transfer Pathways and Advisement

Fredonia will create *Transfer Advisement Guides* for popular major degree programs that JCC students pursue at Fredonia. These guides will outline courses transferable to Fredonia that students can complete at JCC that help a student stay on track to earn a bachelor's degree in four years. These advisement guides/pathway models will be regularly updated through consultation between both institutions and will show capacity for up to 75 credits where advisable.

Seamless Enrollment and Registration

Instant Admissions Program

Fredonia will offer an Instant Admit and Advising Day on the JCC Jamestown Campus each semester. Fredonia will bring faculty and professional advisors to JCC and endeavor to build a student's schedule on the spot.

Ongoing Counselor/Advisor Presence

JCC will provide a physical space for an admissions counselor or academic advisor to be on JCC's Jamestown campus up to once/week (depending on availability and student demand).

Priority Course Registration

Fredonia will offer Priority Registration for new JCC transfer students, granting them early access to course registration to ensure timely progression towards degree completion. Schedules are individually handcrafted based on transcripts, major requirements, and an interest survey Fredonia will provide online. To receive priority registration, students may need to declare their intent to transfer and submit a tuition deposit by a published deadline.