



## International Partner Degree Program

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### What is the Partner Degree Program?

Students from Juniata’s direct exchange partners who meet the criteria of International Partner Degree Program may receive a Bachelor’s degree from Juniata. The applicants must successfully complete two semesters at Juniata; upon successful completion of their home university studies they receive the partner degree from Juniata.

- Students who intend to take part in the Partner Degree Program should know that it is challenging, time consuming and a lot of work.

### Incoming requirements to be eligible for the Partner Degree Program

Study at Juniata for one year on exchange from a designated Partner degree site (Fachhochschule Gelsenkirchen/Bocholt; Philipps Universität Marburg; Fachhochschule Münster; Universidad de Guanajuato; Université Catholique de Lille; York St. John University; University of Leeds; University of Lincoln; Shih Hsin University; Shih Chien University)

Enter Juniata with at least 85 incoming credits (the Dean of the Center for International Education will determine transfer credits)

A student must declare her / his intent to participate in the Partner Degree program before the end of the add/ drop period of their first semester at Juniata.

German students	Vordiplom + Abitur	or	Two years of University with Abitur
French students	Baccalaureat certificate	and	Two years of University
Students from Great Britain	A-level (three A-level certificates with a grade of C or above)	and	Two years of University
Students from Mexico	At least two years of university study		

## Juniata Partner Degree Graduation Requirements

- By the end of the last semester at Juniata you have to complete a total of 120 credits (transfer credits from your home university + credits received at Juniata)
- Enroll in at least 30 total Juniata credits (generally 15 credits per semester)
- Complete at least 14 credits within the POE at Juniata
- Complete at least 18 upper-level POE credits (300 and above), including the two CW/CS courses (upper-level credits from your home university as well as credits received at Juniata)
- Take part in two “well removed” courses (These are courses outside of the POE subject area(s))
  - Juniata is a Liberal Arts institution. That means that it is diversified, has a core curriculum and has many disciplines. Therefore, international students are required to take two courses outside of their major.
- Take one Connections (CONN) course - (The Connections courses are team-taught by two or more instructors who bring different disciplinary perspectives to address a common topic. Students will learn to integrate knowledge and skills from multiple disciplinary perspectives to examine an issue through different ways of knowing.)  
**OR**  
Take one Ways of Knowing (WK) course - (The Ways of Knowing courses teach students to think critically and intellectually about the world, introduces students to different epistemological perspectives, and helps students realize the benefits of interdisciplinary inquiry and a liberal arts education. Because dialogue, debate, and active learning are central to the liberal arts tradition, Ways of Knowing courses will emphasize seminar formats or active learning. There are 5 categories of WK courses to choose from: (1) Creative Expression, (2) Formal Reasoning, (3) Humanistic Thought, (4) Social Inquiry, and (5) Scientific Process.)
- Take one Self and the World (SW) course from one of three specified categories - (The Self and the World courses encourage students to engage with human diversity, contemplate questions about a just society, and consider the conditions that foster individual and collective wellbeing. Because dialogue, debate, and active learning are central to the liberal arts tradition, Self and the World courses will emphasize seminar formats, or active learning, or projects involving collaboration with community partners. The 3 SW categories Partner Degree students can choose from are: (1) U.S. Experience, (2) Ethical Responsibility, and (3) Local Engagement.)
- Submit the Program of Emphasis form to Registrar by due date

- Partner Degree students are expected to maintain Juniata standards of student conduct as articulated in the Student Handbook, the Pathfinder <http://www.juniata.edu/offices/dean-of-students/pathfinder/>. Failure to follow standards of behavior may result in forfeiture of the partner degree privilege.

### **Timeline and Process**

<b>May 1</b> (before the start of the exchange year)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Declare Intent to Apply for Partner Degree</li> </ul>	See enclosed form on page 6
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit official copies of academic records from home university (translated into English)</li> <li>• The translation of academic records must show the <u>number of hours per week</u> for each class or module.</li> <li>• Send a copy of certification completed at high school (secondary) and university level</li> </ul>	See column: incoming requirements
<b>Late August</b> (prior to semester start)	Meet your advisor and the Dean of the Center for International Education to evaluate academic records and prepare final schedule	
<b>!!! Late October</b>	<b>Program of Emphasis is Due</b> When filling out the POE form the student has to mark to graduate in August instead of May.	<a href="https://www.juniata.edu/registrar/student-forms.php">https://www.juniata.edu/registrar/student-forms.php</a>
<b>Late October</b>	Final Registration for Spring Semester due Review spring schedule with advisors	
<b>Late October</b>	Complete the Degree Application Form on the Registrar's Office website. The form is listed under Graduation Information. Important: Enter your full name as it is to appear on the Diploma	<a href="http://services2.juniata.edu/registrar/graduation/degreeapp.php">http://services2.juniata.edu/registrar/graduation/degreeapp.php</a>
<b>November 1</b>	Final official and translated documents must be given to the center for international Education and Registrar's office. (Exceptions can be made if transfer credits from the previous semester at the home university are still open)	
<b>Beginning of spring semester</b>	Meet with your advisor and check if you fulfill all Juniata Partner Degree requirements	
<b>Beginning of April</b>	Senior Salute	<a href="https://www.juniata.edu/academics/p">https://www.juniata.edu/academics/p</a>

		<a href="#">rovost/commencement/</a>
<b>Mid May</b>	Baccalaureate Service	
	Senior Commencement	

## **Frequently asked Questions**

### **What is a designated or an individualized POE?**

POE stands for Program of Emphasis, and enables the student to design any program of study that fits their interests. There are two types of POE's:

Designated - A designated POE consists of 45-63 credits and has been already approved by a department. Descriptions of current designated POEs are available at:

<http://www.juniata.edu/academics/areas-of-study.php>.

Individualized - An individualized POE consists of 45-63 credits and is designed by the student in consultation with faculty advisors. Individualized POEs are intended to meet particular student needs with unique combinations of courses.

! If students do not meet the 45-63 designated POE credits, they have the opportunity to create an individualized POE. For example, an Individualized POE that consists out of English and Education credits could be titled "Teaching English, Theory and Practice".

### **How are ECTS credits getting transferred to Juniata Credits?**

European credit transfer system (ECTS) credits get divided by two. That means 2 ECTS credits in Europe will be transferred as 1 Juniata credit. For non-European university systems, the Dean of International Programs will determine how the credits will be transferred.

### **Where can I find a list of courses that will be offered during my stay?**

Students can find the offered courses by visiting the Juniata website Go to Juniata website, Academics, Class Schedule and then choose your academic year. (<http://services.juniata.edu/registrar/jcsa/index.php>). The courses are listed by Department, Time or Skill (CA, CW, CS or IC courses). This enables the students to quickly find a list of courses and arrange their schedule.

### **What classes should I take according to my POE?**

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Students who want to receive a designated POE can find a list of required classes for their POE at the Juniata website (<http://www.juniata.edu/academics/areas-of-study.php>). Nevertheless, the students must confer with the corresponding department as well as the Dean of International Programs to determine if the transferred courses comply with the equivalent Juniata courses. This is an important process to assure that the Juniata designated POE requirements will be fulfilled.

### **What actually happens at Senior Salute?**

Senior Salute gives seniors a chance to take care of their pre-graduation requirements and needs at one time. Usually it takes place in the Ellis Hall Ballroom and every department provides an information table, where seniors for example can check with the Registrar's Office to make sure that all graduation requirements are met. They can also meet the Career Service who prepares them for a life outside of Juniata by giving them information on career plans. At the end, the bookstore provides the seniors with their cap and gown. However, seniors should not forget to complete the obligatory Senior Survey that enables them to receive their cap and gown. The Registrar's office will send you an email reminder for the Senior Survey.

### **What is the Graduation ceremony?**

The Graduation ceremony consists of the baccalaureate Service and the Senior Commencement. This is the traditional framework to celebrate and to honor the undergraduate careers of Juniata College students. The Baccalaureate Ceremony often takes place the afternoon or evening before Commencement, the date of the Graduation. The Baccalaureate Service is accompanied by the college Concert Choir and features a procession of the degree candidates. The graduation ceremony is a cultural tradition deemed a rite of passage and marks one stage of a person's life to another.

### **When do I get the Degree?**

Partner degree students receive the degree when they finish their studies at their home university. They will take part at the Graduation ceremony but at this point will not receive the actual diploma. The diploma is sent directly to the student when the student sends a certified copy of their home university diploma/certificate of completion. Contact the international office at Juniata ([international@juniata.edu](mailto:international@juniata.edu)).

**Intent to Apply for Partner Degree**

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First Name

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Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and Name

Official at Home Institution who can verify your eligibility for the Partner Degree Program

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Institution

\_\_\_\_\_  
Year of Study at Juniata

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Intended Field of Study at Juniata

(Please refer the Juniata website to select a Program of Emphasis that is offered at Juniata

<http://www.juniata.edu/academics/areas-of-study.php>)