

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

Southwest Texas Junior College offers the Associate of Arts in General Studies (A.A.) degree, the Associate of Science (A.S.) degree, the Associate of Arts in Teaching (A.A.T.) degree, the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree, and certificates. The requirements for each degree and certificate are listed with their respective programs. All students are required to take ORIE 0100 - New Student Orientation; however, this course does not count toward degree requirements. Students entering college for the first time and whose scores in two or more TSI areas fall below the “college-ready” threshold must complete COLS 0300, College Success Skills, instead of ORIE 0100 during their first semester of enrollment.. There is a 10 year limit to the catalog used for graduation requirements.

Students failing to graduate at the expected time and completing the remaining requirements at another institution may transfer this work back to SWTJC providing the student meets the degree requirements.

Formal application for graduation can be made by contacting the SWTJC Registrar’s Office.

Students who are eligible to attend the May commencement ceremony each year are those who have completed their degree requirements in December of the previous year or who will complete their degree requirements in May or August of the current year.

Core Curriculum Requirements

Students earning an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of Arts in Teaching degree must complete the Core Curriculum below:

Component Area	Course Options	Required SCH
Communication	ENGL 1301 and 1302	6
Mathematics	MATH 1314, 1324, 1332, 1342	3
Life/Physical Science	BIOL 1306/1307, 1308/1309, CHEM 1311,1312;PHYS 1301/1302; PHYS 2325/2326	6
Language, Philosophy, and Culture	ENGL 2322, 2323, 2327, 2328, 2332, 2333 or HUMA 1301, PHIL 1301, 2306	3
Creative Arts	ARTS 1301, or DRAM , 2361, or MUSI 1306	3
American History	HIST 1301 and 1302	6
Government/Political Science	GOVT 2305/2306	6
Social & Behavioral Sciences	ECON 2301 or PSYC 2301 or SOCI 1301	3
Core Component Area Option 1	SPCH 1311 or 1321	3
Component Areas Option 2	BCIS 1305, PHED 1304, PSYC 2314, HECO (BUSI) 1307 (Personal Finance), COSC 1301, HECO 1322 (Nutrition)	3
Total		42