

# COLLEGE LINGO

## WHAT'S THE WORD?



AA Degree	A degree program offered by community colleges, consisting of about 60 credit hours, usually transfers to a four-year institution as part of the core curriculum
AAS Degree	Associate of Applied Science degree offered by community colleges that usually does not contain as many core courses as an AA and is not designed for transfer, but is intended for students who will enter the workforce after graduation
AAT Degree	Associate of Arts in Teaching degree that can be earned at community colleges to transfer to four-year education programs
Academic Map	Semester-by-semester list of classes students should take for their major to complete their degree
Administrative Withdrawal	Removing students from a course in which they do not attend or stop participating for at least two consecutive weeks, or they miss at least 15% of the coursework
Advisor	To find who your assigned advisor is, go to the Student tab in MyJeffco, and click on Advisor/Major.
AFA Degree	Associate of Fine Arts degree that can be earned at a community college to transfer to four-year fine arts programs
AS Degree	Associate of Science degree is designed for engineering students to transfer to a university as part of a bachelor's degree
Canvas	The College's Learning Management System (LMS) used by both online courses and on-campus courses
Career Path	The academic path students follow to earn credentials through Jefferson College for employment directly after completion instead of transferring to a four-year college/university
Certificate	A program designed for students to obtain skills necessary for a job-related or personal goal or for direct entry into the workforce, not intended to fit into a higher degree
Class Schedules	For a list of courses offered by semester, visit <a href="http://www.jeffco.edu/classschedule">www.jeffco.edu/classschedule</a>
College Catalog	Annual publication that lists current college policies, resources, degree requirements, and descriptions of courses
Core 42	The core transfer curriculum, a framework for general education consisting of 42 credit hours at all Missouri public two-and four-year institutions that facilitates the seamless transfer of academic credits
Corequisite	A course that may/must be taken at the same time as another course
Credit Hour	The unit of measurement colleges' use that usually equals the amount of time you are in class each week during a 16-week semester.
Dean's List	At the end of each fall and spring semester, the College issues an honor list of students who have achieved a grade point average of 3.25 or better for 12 or more semester hours taken that semester. Part-time students may be eligible by combining at least 12 hours from multiple semesters.
FYE	First-Year Experience: courses, programs, and resources to help new students make the transition to college
Degree Plan	A list of classes that you must complete successfully in order to be awarded a degree

Exit Exam	As part of graduation requirements, students must take an exit exam. It is a no pass/no fail exam. Results help the college make improvement with regard to student learning.
FERPA	A federal law that regulates the communication and dissemination of your educational records
Grade Point Average	Each earned grade is awarded grade points that are multiplied by the number of credit hours taken; dividing total grade points (quality points) by total credit hours calculates a GPA.
Graduation With Honors	Degree candidates are recognized based on cumulative GPA from at least 40 hours at Jefferson College: summa cum laude (4.00), magna cum laude (at least 3.80), cum laude (at least 3.50); certificate candidates who have at least a 3.50 cumulative GPA in required courses receive a certificate with distinction.
Humanities	The branches of learning (as philosophy, arts, or languages) that investigate human constructs and concerns as opposed to natural processes (as in physics or chemistry) and social relations (as in psychology or economics)
Hybrid	Courses that blend face-to-face instruction with online learning; the amount of classroom seat-time is reduced due to a significant part of the course learning being online
Intersession	3-week online courses held immediately after the spring semester
College Mission	The mission of the College is "Jefferson College serves our community by delivering quality learning opportunities that empower individuals to achieve their goals."
Office Hours	Scheduled time faculty are in their offices to see students; ask your instructor for these times
Prerequisite	A course that must be taken before one can take another course
Registrar	Individual on campus responsible for maintaining student records
Service-Learning	A class activity that integrates community service with learning and reflection
Student Services	Department on campus based in the Student Center that includes
Syllabus	Document for each class that lists the learning outcomes/goals for the course as well as types of assessments and topics
Transfer Path	The academic path students follow to earn a degree at Jefferson College to transfer to a four-year college/university.
College Vision	The vision of the College is "Jefferson College strives to inspire our community to explore, develop, and engage in innovative learning experiences in a supportive and inclusive environment."
Vikings' Vault	A food pantry that is stocked with perishable/nonperishable food and personal hygiene items for students in need.
Waitlist	Students may register for a class that is already full if it has a waitlist option. Waitlisted students will be added if spots open in the class before the semester starts. Once a semester starts, a waitlisted student may ask for instructor permission to enroll in the class.
Welcome Week	First week of the fall semester scheduled with special events to help students adjust or readjust to the campus
Wintersession	3-week online courses held between the fall and spring semesters (considered part of spring for financial purposes)
Withdrawal/Drop	To withdraw or drop a course, a student must complete the withdrawal process, which can happen during the first half of the course through MyJeffco or the third quarter of the semester with written permission of the instructor.

