



Three to Your Degree Model

Purpose:

The IECC Three to Your Degree Model program provides intentional, purpose-driven course selection guidance to high school juniors and seniors taking dual credit courses. The model is intended to lead to the completion of the General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) Credential and a transfer degree (AA, AS, ASA) from an IECC college or the completion of a non-transfer Associate Degree, or Certificate program. Students who follow the model will:

1. Complete a transfer degree, non-transfer Associate Degree, or Certificate Program in one year of attendance at an Illinois Eastern Community College.
2. Be provided with an intentional, precise pathway within an IECC meta-major to graduate with a transfer degree, a non-transfer Associate Degree, or earn a Certificate.
3. Minimize the cost of attaining a transfer degree, non-transfer Associate degree, or Certificate.

Guidelines:

1. Three to Your Degree is designed to be a six-semester model which includes four semesters at the high school and two semesters at IECC.
2. All dual credit students will focus on Core Priority or Priority Career Pathway courses. These are designed to achieve a transfer degree, non-transfer Associate degree, or Certificate program which will direct students to earn meaningful dual credit.
3. This model applies to GECC transfer classes or specific classes within a designated meta-major pathway to earn a Certificate or non-transfer Associate degree. Courses are identified as Type A (i.e. courses taught by high school teachers at the high school), Type B (courses taught by college instructors at the high school), Type C (“distance learning” or synchronous classes taught by a college instructor or qualified high school teacher), and Type D (classes taught on-campus by a college instructor).
4. Students taking GECC courses or courses specifically designed as a pathway course toward completion of an identified Certificate program, or a non-transfer Associate degree will be charged the rate for Core Priority courses.
5. Students taking non-GECC courses, courses not specifically designed as a pathway course toward completion of an identified Certificate program or non-transfer Associate degree at the high school will be charged the rate for Elective non-priority courses.

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| <i>Courses offered as dual credit that fulfill the GECC Credential and Transfer Degree Requirements to accomplish "Three to Your Degree"</i> | | | | |
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| Course | Course Name | Credit Hrs. | Recommended Grade Level | Term offered by IECC |
| Communications – 9 credit hours | | | | |
| ENG 1111 | Composition I | 3 | Senior | Fall |
| ENG 1121 | Composition and Analysis | 3 | Senior | Spring |
| SPE 1101 | Fundamentals of Effective Speaking | 3 | Junior or Senior | Fall & Spring |
| Mathematics- 3 credit hours | | | | |
| MTH 1131 | Intro to Statistics | 3 | Senior | Fall & Spring |
| Physical and Life Sciences- 6 credit hours | | | | |
| GEL 1101 | General Geology | 3 | Junior or Senior | Fall |
| LSC 1106 | Introduction to Biology | 4 | Junior or Senior | Spring |
| Humanities and Fine Arts- 6 credit hours | | | | |
| <i>Students select TWO of the following courses based on availability and interest.</i> | | | | |
| PHI 2101 | Introduction to Ethics | 3 | Senior | Fall & Spring |
| MUS 1103 | Music in Multicultural America | 3 | Junior or Senior | Fall & Spring |
| HUM 2161 | Forging the American Character | 3 | Junior or Senior | Fall & Spring |
| Social and Behavioral Sciences- 6 credit hours | | | | |
| <i>Students select TWO of the following courses based on availability and interest.</i> | | | | |
| PLS 2101 | Government of the U.S. | 3 | Junior or Senior | Spring |
| PSY 1101 | General Psychology | 3 | Junior or Senior | Fall |
| SOC 2101 | Principles of Sociology | 3 | Junior or Senior | Spring |
| HIS 2102 | U.S. History Since 1877 | 3 | Junior or Senior | Fall |