

TJC Academic Advising Tips to Achieve College Readiness

Achieving college readiness in English, Language Arts, Reading and Math early in your educational journey is important in achieving your educational, professional and personal goals. Here are some frequently asked questions that can help you.

What are some ways I can achieve college readiness?

- Achieving minimum TSI scores established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)
- Satisfactorily completing developmental courses in a prescribed sequence
- Satisfactorily completing college-level courses

Am I restricted in how many times I can take the TSI?

- No, you can take the TSI as many times as needed. However, the TSI is an accurate indicator of your current skill levels in the readiness categories and many students achieve college readiness by taking the recommended developmental courses related to their scores.

What developmental courses are offered at TJC?

- English, Language Arts, Reading
 - INRW 0311 – Integrated Reading and Writing
 - ENGL 0301 combined with ENGL 1301 – English Composition 1 with corequisite
- Math
 - DMTH 0301 – Developmental Mathematics 1
 - MATH 0232/0314/0324/0342 combined with corresponding college-level math course – College-level math course required by major with corequisite

What non-course-based resources are available to assist me with college readiness?

- Multiple free support services, including:
 - Tutoring
 - College Success Coaching
 - TRIO
 - Disabilities Services
 - Career Planning
 - Perkins CTE Success Center
 - PATHway to Comfort Food Pantry
 - Counseling
 - Academic Advising

What timeline is recommended for me to achieve college readiness?

You should work with your academic advisor on creating a plan where you are college ready no later than your second semester here at TJC. The primary reasons for this goal are:

- Gain confidence in your reading, writing and math skills
- Meet requirements for many courses requiring college readiness before you can register
- If using federal financial aid or scholarships, ensure those can continue
- If a student athlete, being able to retain eligibility and transfer on time
- Graduate on time

How often should I meet with academic advising during this process?

While academic advising encourages at least one visit each semester, it is important to engage with an advisor before dropping courses or if your life situation changes that affects your current degree plan. WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!

