

Computer Science (CS)

Grinnell's CS major covers the full range of topics recommended by national guidelines for undergraduate CS. Coursework emphasizes multiple views of problem solving, algorithms, theory of computation, data structures, systems, large-scale software development — supported by programming in Scheme, C, and Java. The major also requires substantial supporting mathematics.

Since DMACC's AS degree includes no options in CS, transfer students should focus on math for AS requirements. CIS as AS electives provide CS preparation:

Mathematics:

- MAT 211/217, Calculus I / II (satisfies Grinnell's CS prereq. for MAT 131)
- Options for CS math elective:
 - MAT 148, Linear algebra, OR
 - MAT 219, Calculus III

Computer Science Electives:

- CIS 178/152 would transfer as Grinnell's CSC 207
- CIS 154 provides helpful background, but not enough for transfer credit.
- CIS 588 fulfills Grinnell's system req.

If students transfer the above courses, students graduate in 2 years as follows:

Year 1:	CSC 151	CSC 161
		CSC/MAT 208
Year 2:	CSC 301	CSC 341
	CSC 321/2	CS Elective

Mathematics and Statistics

Grinnell's major in mathematics and statistics prepares students for a wide range of careers, including mathematical research, theoretical mathematics, applied mathematics, probability, statistics, and application areas. In particular, the major requires at least four 4-credit courses at the 300+ level, including core courses in real analysis and abstract algebra.

Courses, particularly at the 300- and 400-level, emphasize in-depth analysis and rigorous development — involving understanding and writing proofs. As preparation, some 200-level courses serve as bridge experience from 100-level courses which often emphasize computation to the more formal 300- and 400-level courses.

DMACC's 211/217/219 transfer as Grinnell's MAT 131/133. DMACC's 148 and 157 transfer for graduation credit, but not toward the Math/Stat major.

In principle, transfer students might finish in 2 years, as follows:

Year 1:	MAT 215	MAT 2xx bridge
Year 2:	2 300-core	2 300-core

In practice, jumping into two 300-level courses will be very challenging, and students are strongly advised to extend their work for a third year.

Overview

DMACC students wishing to transfer to a 4-year college or university in STEM subjects are often advised to complete an Associate of Science (AS) degree at DMACC. Since AS requirements include many options, students naturally wonder which choices might provide the best preparation for a major in a STEM field at Grinnell College.

This Unofficial Guide reviews DMACC's AS options — particularly in areas of science and mathematics. Grinnell's STEM programs require considerable depth, and courses follow a careful sequence. Thus, transfer students should have specific background, as described in the Unofficial Guide.

Overall this Unofficial Guide seeks to clarify expectations and realistic options. DMACC students should know how to plan at DMACC and what path(s) might be open when they transfer to Grinnell.

DMACC students are urged to talk to Grinnell's Admission Office, administration, and faculty for more detailed information.

General Science

Grinnell's General Science major emphasizes breadth with modest depth in selected areas. DMACC students should review opportunities in each STEM area regarding transfer options.

Transferring to Grinnell College from DMACC in STEM Fields?

An Unofficial Guide from Grinnell STEM Faculty

Grinnell College wants STEM students transferring from DMACC to be successful. This guide presents suggestions from Grinnell faculty in each STEM discipline: biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics and statistics, physics, and psychology.

For each discipline, this guide provides an overview of Grinnell's program, and then addresses three main questions:

- What DMACC courses might transfer to Grinnell in this discipline?
- What DMACC courses should a student take to major at Grinnell?
- What course schedule might a DMACC student take at Grinnell to finish a STEM major, and how long would it take to graduate?

All notes here are unofficial. DMACC students should talk to Grinnell admission counselors, Grinnell's Registrar, and faculty for detailed advice on individual circumstances.

Biology

Grinnell's biology curriculum has a distinct focus on authentic research. We expect majors to learn to acquire, think critically about, and effectively communicate relevant biological knowledge; understand key biological concepts and apply them to all levels of biological organization, from molecules to ecosystems; and understand ways biology interrelates with other sciences, disciplines, and society. The major also requires coursework in mathematics and in general and organic chemistry.

Students who transfer to Grinnell to study biology should expect to start in Grinnell's research-based introductory course, BIO 150. Selected DMACC BIO courses, particularly those with labs, will be considered for satisfying some of the elective requirements for Grinnell's biology major. DMACC's MAT 211/217 and CHM 165/175 and 263/273) can be considered for satisfying mathematics and chemistry requirements for Grinnell's biology major.

Biological

Biological Chemistry is an interdisciplinary combination of biology and chemistry. Core courses of the major emphasize the interrelationships of topics, are inquiry driven, and ponder the structure, function, and regulation of biomolecules that mediate chemical processes in the cell.

Chemistry

The chemistry curriculum at Grinnell is rooted in inquiry and aimed at learning to ask the kinds of questions that chemists ask and to structure ways to answer them. All courses include laboratory components and most involve research or research like projects.

The first course, General Chemistry, CHM 129, includes the content of about 75% of DMACC's CHM 165/175. That course leads to a year-long sequence in Organic Chemistry (221-222) or CHM 210, Inorganic and Analytical Chemistry

DMACC's sequences in physics and calculus fulfill chemistry major requirements (see physics/math notes). Transfer should consult the department about whether DMACC's CHM 263/273 equates to Grinnell's CHM 221/222.

DMACC students may be able to graduate in 2 years, as follows:
Year 1: CHM 210 CHM 363
Year 2: CHM elective CHM elective
CHM 499 project

Chemistry

Major requirements in mathematics, physics and chemistry can be taken prior to transfer to Grinnell College. (MAT 211/217/219, PHY 213/223, consult the Chemistry section for details) A possible 2-year schedule follows:
Year 1: BIO150 BCM262
BIO251
Year 2: CHM 363 BIO/CHM elective

Physics

Grinnell's physics major offers a rigorous curriculum within a friendly and supportive community of students and faculty. Course offerings support the preparation of physics majors for graduate study or for other pursuits. The department also offers unusually strong opportunities for students interested in astronomy and supports a 3-2 program in engineering. Completion of the major requires 32 credits including Modern Physics, Classical Mechanics, Optics, Electromagnetic Theory, and Advanced Laboratory. The major also requires substantial supporting mathematics.

DMACC's 213/223 transfer as Grinnell's 131/132. Math required by Grinnell physics can be taken at DMACC: Calculus (211/217/219), Linear Algebra (148), and Differential Equations (227).

Since Grinnell requires 4 semesters in residence, students transferring as juniors cannot enroll in a 3-2 program. However, the 3-2 option is available to second-year transfer students.

If students transfer the above courses, students could graduate in two years by completing the core and 6 elective credits (1 full and 1 half class):
Year 1: PHY 232 PHY 234
PHY elective
Year 2: PHY 335 PHY 337
PHY 462 PHY elective

Psychology

Psychology at Grinnell is taught as a natural science illuminating the behavior of biological organisms living in social habitats. As a science, many courses are lab-based, designing and conducting experiments to investigate behaviors and utilizing statistics to analyze results. Supporting this evidence-based exploration, The Psychology Department is affiliated with the Grinnell College Preschool Laboratory to provide a high-quality preschool program for the College and town and a research lab for Grinnell students and faculty.

DMACC students should DMACC's PSY 111 as the introductory course. MAT 157 may fulfill the statistics requirement.

Since the lab-based nature of Grinnell's psychology courses is likely different from courses at DMACC, students should expect to focus on lab-based courses at Grinnell. Completion of the major requires 32 credits including an introductory course, two methods courses, and a senior seminar.

If students transfer PSY 111 and Math 157, students must take PSY 225, *Research Methods*, as a prerequisite to most 200 level courses. A possible 2-year schedule follows:

Year 1: PSY 225 2 PSY 2xx courses
Year 2: PSY 2xx PSY 3xx
PSY 3xx PSY 495 Senior Sem.