

# 9 BENEFITS OF A JUNIOR COLLEGE



Earn credits that may transfer toward a bachelor's degree



Small, supportive class sizes



Gain academic confidence



Lower tuition and fees compared to many private + public four-year institutions



Flexibility for the undecided



Convenient course scheduling allows for school + work



Supportive, mission-based environment



Non-residential campus = lower costs



Time to mature, develop self-discipline, and breathe



Chatfield College is a private, non-profit, junior Catholic college, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. We are open to all students, regardless of race, religion, age, gender, national origin, or physical handicap.

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Chatfield College is Ohio's only junior Catholic college. A junior college, like Chatfield, is a small institution that awards associate degrees. Many students who attend a junior college want to obtain a degree to prepare for a professional career or transfer to a four-year university to earn a bachelor's degree. A junior college is often the best choice for many students when starting their academic career.

## What are the benefits of a junior college?

1. **Earn credits toward an associate degree while completing most of the core curriculum for a bachelor's degree.** Chatfield is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, which holds institutions to high standards for academic outcomes. Students should always check with the institution in which they desire to transfer to confirm transferability of credits.
2. **Small, supportive class sizes.** Never fear the lecture hall with 100+ students.
3. **Gain academic confidence.** A student who may not have performed well academically in high school or their first year at a four-year college has a chance to improve their grades and confidence at a junior college. **Students can increase their chance of being admitted as a transfer student at a four year college or university and possibly receive better scholarships.**
4. **Lower tuition and fees.** The average cost of a private four-year university is \$1,092 per credit hour or \$3,277 per course<sup>1</sup>. **At Chatfield, the tuition is 50% less than the cost of a private four-year.** Students should also look at total cost if they only intend to take 12 credit hours versus 15-18.
5. **Flexibility for the undecided.** Junior college students can save a lot of time and money by completing core requirements vs. immediately taking courses for a declared major. Students may think they want to be an accountant, only to discover after the second semester of junior college that they hated accounting but loved history.
6. **Convenient course schedules allow students to attend school and work.** Chatfield College offers classes on a block schedule. This allows students the ability to also hold a job to lessen financial burdens and to obtain real work experience, thus aiding in their future employability.
7. **Supportive, mission-based environment.** Chatfield College has always been a mission-based college since its founding. Our faculty and staff ensure that we meet each student where they are in their academic journey and help move them forward.
8. **Non-residential = lower living costs.** Chatfield College is a non-residential college. This means that students can significantly save on living costs while attending. We know it doesn't seem as exciting as venturing out on your own and living with your besties, but it won't be exciting to pay back \$40K or more in student loan debt that could have been saved.
9. **Time to mature, develop self-discipline, and breathe!** This doesn't mean students can chill and do no work, but gives gives students the opportunity to take a breath and refocus. Two years of junior college affords many students time to mature, develop self-discipline, and learn how to maneuver college responsibilities in a highly supportive environment successfully.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://educationdata.org/cost-of-a-college-class-or-credit-hour>