

Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI)

McHenry County College is a participant in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI). This state-wide agreement between many Illinois colleges and universities establishes a “package” of lower-division general education coursework accepted at all participating schools and is called the Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC). Completion of the IAI GECC assures transferring students that lower-division general education requirements for a bachelor’s degree have been satisfied at any participating institution. A receiving institution may require an institution-wide and/or mission-related graduation requirement beyond the scope of the general education core. If a student transfers with less than the full IAI GECC, the general education requirements of the four-year transfer school may have to be completed, which may be very different from the IAI GECC. This agreement is in effect for students entering an associate or baccalaureate degree-granting institution as a first-time freshman in summer 1998 or thereafter. See the backside of this sheet for a list of participating four-year schools.

The IAI General Education Core Curriculum consists of a **minimum of 37-41 credits** chosen from **five categories**. The five categories and the approved MCC courses in each category are shown below:

<p>Communications: 9 semester hours to include: ENG 151, ENG 152 (both with a grade of "C" or better), and SPE151</p>	<p>Physical and Life Sciences: 7-8 semester hours <u>with at least one laboratory included:</u></p> <p>One course selected from the following MCC Physical Sciences: CHM 115, 164, 165; EAS 120, 170, 171, 180, 185; GEG 101, 102 (lab); GEL 101, 103 (lab); PHY 280, 291</p> <p>One course selected from the following MCC Life Sciences: BIO 105(formerly ANS110), 110, 130, 137, 157, 158; GEG220, 221 (lab); HRT 103 (formerly PTS103)</p>
<p>Mathematics: 3-6 semester hours selected from the following MCC courses: MAT 120 or 220, 150, 170, 202, 171 or 175, 245, 255</p>	<p>Social & Behavioral Sciences: 9 semester hours from at least two of the following subject areas: ANT 151, 155, 160, 170; ECO 150 or one or both of the following 251, 252; GEG 202, 203, 204; HIS 131, 132, 165, 170, 172; PLT 150, 151, 155, 251, 255; PSY 151, 265, 250 or 251 or 255 or 260; SOC 101, 151, 251, 260</p>
<p>Humanities and Fine Arts: 9 semester hours to include: One course selected from the following MCC Humanities courses: ENG 240, 251, 253, 254, 255, 256, 260, 261, 271 or 272, 275, 276; HUM 150; PHI 151, 155, 160, 240, 251, 261; FRE 252 or GER 252 or SPA 252; ENG 270 or PHI 262</p> <p>One course selected from the following MCC Fine Arts courses: ART 151, 155, 165, 171, 172 or 173, 175; HUM 150; JRN 180; MUS 151, 153, 154, 171, 172; THE 151.</p> <p>One course selected from <u>either Humanities or Fine Arts</u> listed above.</p>	
<p>Total: 37-41 semester hours meeting the IAI General Education Core Curriculum</p>	

MCC observes the following procedures and IAI guidelines concerning implementation of the IAI GECC:

- No more than 2 courses from any 1 discipline can be used to fulfill IAI GECC requirements. For example the discipline of geography can be found in the Physical, Life and Social & Behavioral Sciences. Only 2 geography courses may be used to meet the requirements. (A lecture and its lab course are considered 1 course.)
- Some MCC courses share an IAI number. Only one of the courses with the same IAI number may be used to meet IAI GECC requirements.
- Courses must be IAI articulated during the semester in which they are taken.
- MCC recognizes courses found on the approved IAI list that have been taken at any participating college/university and applies the credit toward fulfilling IAI GECC requirements at MCC.
- MCC recognizes courses taken at non-IAI participating accredited colleges/universities, at MCC prior to summer of 1998, and through Advanced Placement and CLEP. These courses are evaluated through the Office of Credentials Evaluation and may satisfy IAI GECC requirements at MCC with completion of an AA or an AS degree. For students planning to transfer, the transfer school will follow its established credit policies and may wish to re-evaluate this coursework.
- The IAI GECC is included in MCC’s AA and AS degrees. Certification of IAI completion will be noted on the official transcript for students who complete one of these degrees. (**Please note:** MCC’s AA and AS degrees require labs in both the physical and the life sciences.)
- Students who complete the IAI GECC but do not receive an AA or an AS degree must request an IAI audit by submitting an application to the Registration Office. Certification of IAI completion will be noted on the official transcript.

Consult an MCC advisor for more information on the **benefits of transferring with your completed IAI general education core**. The IAI website, <http://www.itransfer.org>, offers information on all available general education courses and participating Illinois schools.