Sample Education Plan
Associate in Arts (AA)
Area of Focus: History

Please note that the AA degree is not awarded in a specific major or focus area.

This sample transfer planning guide meets the requirements of the AA degree. Recommendations by the Illinois Articulation Initiative History Panel and course requirements of several four-year institutions were used to create this plan. Transfer institution requirements vary. Check your transfer college/university requirements before completing the sample plan as outlined. Work closely with an MCC academic advisor and your transfer school for guidance in taking the appropriate courses that meet your specific transfer needs. You will find transfer guides for specific universities on MCC’s website: www.mchenry.edu/transfer.

AA Degree Requirements: Area of Focus—History/History Education
Students are encouraged to complete an AA degree prior to transfer. A minimum of 60 credits is required for transfer as a junior into a baccalaureate History program.

Please refer to MCC’s AA degree planning sheet in the current academic catalog for specific degree requirements and course options. With the exception of Diversity and Multicultural Studies, a single course can satisfy only one AA degree requirement.

Suggested Courses

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*Course has prerequisite(s)—Please reference the current academic catalog for prerequisites. Math requirements vary among transfer schools.

Diversity and Multicultural Studies
Two 3-credit hour courses are required. Courses that fulfill this requirement may be used to fulfill credits in Humanities/Fine Arts, Social/Behavioral Sciences, or Electives. See current catalog for complete list of Intercultural Studies course options and how they apply toward degree requirements.

Electives (approximately 23 credits, will depend on credit value of your required course selections)

Recommended Courses (select with your advisor):
HIS 130 Ancient Civilization
HIS 131 Western Civilization I
HIS 132 Western Civilization II
HIS 170 US History I
HIS 172 US History II
Foreign Language
Examples of other courses that may satisfy requirements for your transfer school: 0–16
ECO 251; ECO 252; GEG 202 or 203.

Total Credits Required for AA Degree
Many 4-year schools will accept a maximum of 60–64 transfer credits. 60

Additional courses that you have the opportunity to explore at MCC:
HIS 141 Women’s History, HIS 165 History of Latin America, HIS 180 History of Illinois
These courses may apply as elective credit at your transfer school.

NOTE:
- Your transfer school may require at least 1 year of foreign language. High school foreign language may or may not count. It is always recommended that the foreign language requirement be completed prior to transfer.
- The AA degree includes the IAI General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) package. Meet with an MCC academic advisor to learn more about the IAI GECC and transfer benefits.

For more information:
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Transfer Notes
Baccalaureate graduates in History find employment in a wide range of careers: education, law, politics, public service, archival research, museums. A History major may pursue a program leading to state licensure as a high school teacher. Teachers in public schools are required to be licensed. Licensure requirements vary by state. Almost all states require that applicants to teacher education programs be tested for competency in basic skills and undergo a criminal background check.

Students majoring in History may have a choice of earning a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree, depending on the school they attend. Admission and specific course requirements vary among four-year institutions. Some schools require additional math and science coursework for the BS degree. Competency through the second, third, or fourth semester of a single foreign language is required for the BA degree in some schools and for all majors in the College of Arts and Sciences at other schools. Ask about the language requirement of the schools you are considering, and complete the required foreign language courses before transfer. In some cases, two years of foreign language study in high school will substitute for two semesters in college.

Transfer Schools
Many schools offer majors in history. Following are a sample of Illinois public and private four-year institutions that offer history programs:

- Augustana College
- Aurora University
- Benedictine University
- Bradley University
- Chicago State University
- Concordia University
- DePaul University
- Dominican University
- Eastern Illinois University
- Elmhurst College
- Illinois State University
- Illinois Wesleyan
- Judson University
- Knox College
- Lake Forest College
- Lewis University
- Loyola University
- Millikin University
- Monmouth College
- North Central College
- North Park University
- Northeastern Illinois University
- Northern Illinois University
- Northwestern University
- Olivet Nazarene University
- Rockford University
- Roosevelt University
- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
- Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- University of Illinois at Springfield
- University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign
- Western Illinois University
- Wheaton College

Transfer Resources
www.itransfer.org—iTransfer is a portal for transfer assistance in the state of Illinois. Find information about the Illinois Articulation Initiative and MyCreditsTransfer (Transferology—a nationwide transfer tool).

www.mchenry.edu/transfer—Find transfer guides, course equivalencies, partnership agreements, and other transfer resources.

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