

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



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

This is a SAMPLE plan to help guide you toward courses relevant to your interests while you are deciding on a transfer institution. Suggested courses are based on requirements of several four-year institutions. Please note that requirements vary among four-year colleges and universities. It is important to check early with your transfer school and academic advisor to ensure you are taking appropriate courses and meeting all requirements. You will find transfer guides for specific universities on MCC's website: [www.mchenry.edu/transfer](http://www.mchenry.edu/transfer).

## AA Degree Requirements: Area of Focus—Anthropology

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 bachelor's degree anthropology program.

Please refer to MCC's AA degree planning sheet in the current academic catalog for specific degree requirements and course options.

## Suggested Courses

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM	CREDITS	OTHER COURSE REQUIREMENTS	CREDITS
<b>Communications</b>		<b>Diversity and Multicultural Studies</b>	
^ENG 151 Composition I	3	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 Diversity & Multicultural Studies course options and how they apply toward degree requirements.	
^ENG 152 Composition II	3	<b>Electives</b> (approximately 23 credits, will depend on credit value of your required course selections)	
SPE 151 Introduction to Speech	3		
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>		<b>Recommended Courses (select with your advisor):</b>	
IAI Fine Arts	3	ANT 155 Introduction to Archaeology	3
IAI Humanities	3	ANT 160 Introduction to Physical Anthropology	3
IAI Humanities or Fine Arts	3	ANT 170 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences</b>		^MAT 170 Finite Mathematics and/or	3
ANT 151 Introduction to Anthropology	3	MAT 171 Calculus for Business/Social Science	3
SOC 151 Introduction to Sociology	3	Foreign Language	0–16
IAI Social & Behavioral Science (Recommended—GEG 203 or HIS 131 or HIS 132 or PLT 251)	3	Additional courses to satisfy AA degree credit requirement	
<b>^Physical and Life Sciences</b> (7 credits, 1 lab course)		<b>Total Credits Required for AA Degree</b> <b>60</b>	
IAI Physical Science (Recommended—GEL 105 or GEG 107)	3–4	Many 4-year schools will accept a maximum of 60–64 transfer credits.	
IAI Life Science (Recommended—BIO 157)	3–4		
<b>Mathematics</b>			
IAI Mathematics (Recommended—MAT 120 or 220 General Statistics or Statistics)	3		

^Course has prerequisite(s)—Please reference the current academic catalog for prerequisites. Mathematics course selection will depend on your transfer school. Requirements vary among four-year schools.

## 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.

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### Transfer Notes

Anthropology is the study of humanity. It examines past and present human cultures, as well as human evolution, modern human biological variation, and humanity's closet living relatives, the primates. It consists of five primary sub fields:

- Physical or Biological Anthropology (the study of human biology)
- Archaeology (the study of past human cultures)
- Cultural Anthropology (the study of modern cultures, including the United States)
- Anthropological Linguistics (the study of language from an anthropological perspective)
- Applied Anthropology (using anthropological methods and information to solve problems on a local and global scale)

Graduates of a bachelor's degree in anthropology find employment in a wide range of careers: business, education, medical fields, politics, criminal justice, social work, history, biology. A graduate degree is required to be employed in most professional anthropology fields.

Admission and specific course requirements vary among four-year institutions. Anthropology majors may have a choice of earning a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree, depending on the school they attend. 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.

An anthropology 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.

### Transfer Schools

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

- Augustana College
- DePaul University
- Illinois State University
- Illinois Wesleyan
- Loyola University
- North Central College
- Northeastern Illinois University
- Northern Illinois University
- Northwestern University
- Rockford 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

### Transfer Resources

[www.itransfer.org](http://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](http://www.mchenry.edu/transfer)—Find transfer guides, course equivalencies, partnership agreements, and other transfer resources.