

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



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.

AA Degree Requirements: Area of Focus—Economics

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 economics 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
Communications		Diversity and Multicultural Studies	
^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		
SPE 151 Introduction to Speech	3		
Humanities and Fine Arts		Electives (approximately 23 credits, will depend on credit value of your required course selections)	
IAI Fine Arts	3	Recommended Courses (select with your advisor):	
IAI Humanities	3	Math requirements vary among four-year schools and between BA, BS, and BBA degrees.	
IAI Humanities or Fine Arts	3	ECO 251 Microeconomics	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences		^ECO 252 Macroeconomics	3
HIS 170 or 172 US History I or US History II	3	^MAT 161 or 165 College Algebra or College Algebra & Trigonometry	3–5
PLT 151 US Government	3	^MAT 171 or MAT 175 Calculus for Business/Social Science or Calculus w/Analytic Geometry I	3–4
PSY 151 or SOC 151 Introduction to Psychology or Introduction to Sociology	3	Foreign Language	0–16
^Physical and Life Sciences		Examples of other courses that may satisfy requirements at your transfer school: GEG 202 or 203, ^MAT 170, ^MAT 245	
(7 credits, 1 lab course)			
IAI Physical Science	3–4	Total Credits Required for AA Degree	60
IAI Life Science	3–4	Many 4-year schools will accept a maximum of 60–64 transfer credits.	
Mathematics			
IAI Mathematics	3		
(Recommended—MAT 220 Statistics)			

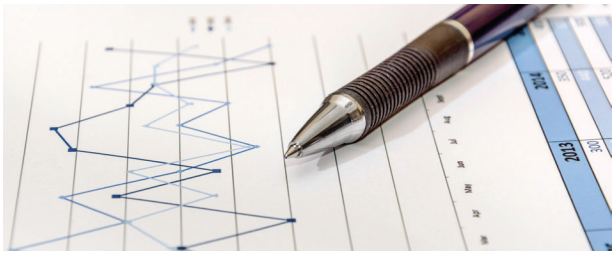
^Course has prerequisite(s)—Please reference the current academic catalog for prerequisites.

NOTE:

- **Mathematics course selection will depend on your transfer school requirements. Requirements vary among four-year schools.**
 - Prerequisites—MAT 161 is the prerequisite for MAT 170, 171, and 220. MAT 165 will satisfy the prerequisite for MAT 170, 171, 220, 175, and 245.
 - A two semester math sequence is required by most transfer schools: MAT 175 and MAT 245 or MAT 171 and MAT 170. Meet with an academic advisor to discuss options.
- 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

Economics can be defined in a few different ways: it is the study of scarce resources which have alternative uses, the study of how people use scarce resources, or the study of decision-making. In short, it provides us with tools that can be used to analyze anything we want, including topics such as sex, drugs, dating, charity, crimes, etc. Economics majors are successful in businesses, law, medicine, government, non-profits, and international relations, as well as in academic roles.

The median earnings of full-time workers with the bachelor's degree in economics (without any higher degrees) is in ninth place among the 50 most popular majors, trailing only engineering-related disciplines, computer science, and management and statistics. At the highest level of life-time earnings, economics out-earns every other major, whether or not graduates have gone on to earn advanced degrees.

Students majoring in economics may have a choice of earning a Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Science (BS), or Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree, depending on the school they attend and/or the focus they choose. Which degree is best for you depends upon your abilities, your interests, and your goals. In some cases, the BS in Economics has a greater quantitative emphasis and requires more math and science. The BBA emphasizes economic foundations of business fields. 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. Admission and specific course requirements vary among four-year institutions.

An economics 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 economics. Following are a sample of Illinois public and private four-year institutions that offer economics programs:

- Augustana College
- Benedictine University
- Bradley University
- Chicago State University
- DePaul University
- Dominican University
- Eastern Illinois University
- Elmhurst College
- Illinois State University
- Illinois Wesleyan College
- Knox College
- Lake Forest College
- Loyola University
- Monmouth College
- North Central College
- North Park University
- Northern Illinois University
- Northeastern Illinois 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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