

English Transfer Guide McHenry County College

This transfer program for the prospective English major is recommended by the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) and can be incorporated into MCC's Associate in Arts (A.A.) or Associate in Science (A.S.) degree. It is designed to help students who have decided on the English major but who are **undecided about a baccalaureate transfer school. If you know where you will transfer, do not use this guide. Instead, use course information specific to the major at that school.** The decision to accept courses is always up to the transfer school, and responsibility for complying with requirements ultimately rests with the student.

Baccalaureate English programs generally emphasize the study of literature and literary criticism. Some 4-year schools also offer specializations in creative or technical writing and/or programs to prepare students for certification as a high school English teacher. Four-year schools have specific requirements for admission to the major (e.g., minimum grade point average and course prerequisites).

The following are course suggestions to follow while you are deciding on a specific transfer institution. **(Please keep in mind that all of these courses may not substitute for major coursework at the transfer school you choose.)**

PLEASE SEE AN ADVISOR FOR GUIDANCE IN SELECTING A TRANSFER SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATE COURSEWORK.

General Education Core Curriculum

Communications: 3 courses (9 semester credits)

ENG151 (3 cr.) – Composition I
ENG152 (3 cr.) – Composition II
SPE151 (3 cr.) – Introduction to Speech

Mathematics: 1 or 2 courses (3 to 6 semester credits)

(The A.A. degree requires 3 credits and the A.S. degree requires 6 credits.)
Select from IAI Mathematics courses*.

Physical and Life Sciences: 2 courses (8 semester credits)

Select 1 course from the IAI Physical Sciences
Select 1 course from the IAI Life Sciences

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 courses (9 semester credits)

Select 3 courses from IAI Social and Behavioral Science* (must be from at least 2 different disciplines)

Humanities and Fine Arts: 3 courses (9 semester credits)

Select 1 course from IAI Humanities*.
Select 1 course from IAI Fine Arts*.
Select 1 course from either IAI Humanities or IAI Fine Arts*.

***For complete listings of approved courses, see MCC's catalog or the A.A. and A.S. degree planning sheets.**

English Major Courses

Requirements for the English major vary widely from 1 Illinois school to another, with some programs requiring few courses at the lower-level. The following courses are suggested English courses for the student who is undecided about a transfer school. Please remember that these courses may not substitute for major coursework at the transfer school you choose. *If coursework is accepted, the transfer school may require a grade of "C" or better.*

Select up to 3 courses from the following survey courses:

ENG255 (3 cr.) - English Literature to 1800
ENG256 (3 cr.) – English Literature 1800 to Present

ENG260 (3 cr.) – American Literature to 1860
ENG261 (3 cr.) – American Literature 1860 to Present

Don't Forget!

- **Do not take too long to decide on your transfer school. There is no guarantee that all of the courses listed on this guide will be required at your transfer school. Also, there may be other MCC courses that your transfer school will accept.**
- **Foreign language is a graduation requirement for the English major at many schools.**
MCC's A.A. degree foreign language requirement: Completion of the same foreign language through the 4th semester college-level class.
- **Students are encouraged to keep course syllabi and a writing portfolio to assist in course review for transfer to the 4-year school.**
- **The completion of the coursework on this guide does not satisfy a degree at MCC.**

The Illinois Articulation Initiative website was used to create this guide. Transfer guides are produced as a service to MCC students. Every effort is made to maintain up-to-date and accurate information; however, this information is subject to change. Students should check with an MCC advisor and with the IAI website (www.itransfer.org) for the most current course recommendations.