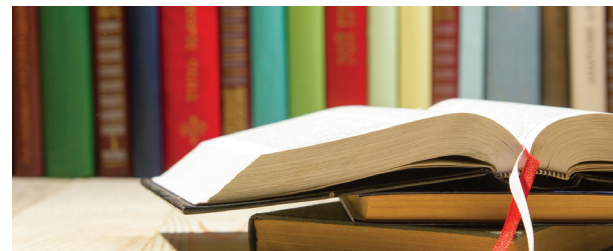


Sample Education Plan

Associate in Arts (AA)

Area of Focus: English/English Education



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 and the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) English Panel. 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—English/English 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 bachelor's degree English 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	^ENG 255 British Literature to 1800	3
IAI Humanities or Fine Arts	3	^ENG 256 British Literature 1800 to Present	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences		^ENG 260 American Literature to 1860	3
IAI Social & Behavioral Science	3	^ENG 261 American Literature 1860 to Present	3
(Recommended—PLT 151 US Government)		Foreign Language	0–16
IAI Social & Behavioral Science (Recommended—	3	Additional courses selected with your advisor to satisfy the AA degree credit requirements	
HIS 170 or 172 US History I or II)		Total Credits Required for AA Degree	
IAI Social & Behavioral Science	3	Many 4-year schools will accept a maximum of	60
(Recommended—PSY 151 Intro to Psychology)		60–64 transfer credits.	
^Physical and Life Sciences			
(7 credits, 1 lab course)			
IAI Physical Science	3–4		
IAI Life Science	3–4		
Mathematics			
IAI Mathematics	3		

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

NOTE:

- Disciplines within the English major are writing intensive. It is recommended that you take literature courses which have a significant writing requirement.
- 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

Bachelor degree programs in English generally emphasize the study of literature and literary criticism. Some colleges and universities also offer specializations in creative or technical writing and/or programs to prepare students for licensure as a high school English teacher. A major in English can be good preparation for continued graduate or professional training in areas such as English, law, political science/government, public administration, psychology, counseling, communication, and journalism.

Admission and specific course requirements vary among four-year institutions. Competency through the second, third, or fourth semester of a single foreign language is required for the Bachelor of Arts (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 English 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 English. Following are a sample of Illinois public and private four-year institutions that offer English programs:

- Augustana College
- Aurora University
- Benedictine University
- Bradley University
- Chicago State University
- Concordia University
- DePaul University
- Dominican University
- Eastern Illinois University
- Elmhurst College
- Governors State University
- Illinois State University
- Illinois Wesleyan
- Judson University
- Knox College
- Lake Forest College
- Lewis University
- Loyola University
- MacMurray College
- Millikin University
- Monmouth College
- National Louis University
- 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
- St Xavier
- Trinity Internationally University
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- 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.