

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



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 and among bachelor degree types: Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Music (BM), and Bachelor of Music Education (BME). 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—Music

Please see Transfer Notes for information about the different types of bachelor's degrees in music and the associate's degree that may best meet your academic goal. A minimum of 60 credits is required for transfer as a junior into a bachelor's degree music 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)	
MUS 171 Music History I	3	Recommended Courses (select with your advisor):	
MUS 172 Music History II	3	MUS 140 Music Theory I	3
IAI Humanities	3	MUS 141 Ear Trng, Sight Sing, Keybd Harm I	2
Social and Behavioral Sciences		^MUS 145 Music Theory II	3
PSY 151 Introduction to Psychology	3	^MUS 146 Ear Trng, Sight Sing, Keybd Harm II	2
IAI Social and Behavioral Science	3	^MUS 240 Music Theory III	3
IAI Social and Behavioral Science	3	^MUS 241 Ear Trng, Sight Sing, Keybd Harm III	2
(Recommended courses: HIS 170 or HIS 172, PLT 151)		^MUS 245 Music Theory IV	3
^Physical and Life Sciences		^MUS 246 Ear Trng, Sight Sing, Keybd Harm IV	2
(7 credits, 1 lab course)		Applied Music (MUS 201–219, 1–2 credits per course, repeatable)	8
IAI Physical Science	3–4	Foreign Language	0–16
IAI Life Science	3–4		
Mathematics		Total Credits Required for AA Degree	60
IAI Mathematics	3	Many 4-year schools will accept a maximum of 60–64 transfer credits.	

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

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

A major in music may be in a variety of areas, for example, performance, music education, composition, music business, music therapy. The degree granted is most often a Bachelor of Arts (BA), a Bachelor of Music (BM) or a Bachelor of Music Education (BME), depending on what you want to study and what you see yourself doing after you graduate. The BA degree allows students to major in music with a continued focus in the liberal arts and the possibility to minor or to major in another area. The BM degree prepares students to be professional musicians and composers. The BME is a teacher education degree.

It is recommended that students who are interested in a BM or BME degree follow MCC's Associate in Fine Arts (AFA) degree requirements. All students should work closely with an MCC academic advisor and the Music Department for guidance toward the appropriate academic plan. It is not uncommon that a BM or a BME program require a minimum of three years at the four-year institution due to sequencing and course scheduling. Many four-year schools recommend students transfer after one year at the community college.

Admission and specific course requirements for baccalaureate music programs vary among four-year institutions. An audition and/or placement exams are required for admission to BM and BME programs and for transfer of music courses. Many BA programs require the same. Coursework in a foreign language may be required for a BA degree. 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.

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

- Augustana College
- Aurora University
- Bradley University
- Chicago State University
- Columbia College Chicago
- 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 Urbana/Champaign
- VanderCook College of Music
- 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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