

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



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 recommendations by the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) Sociology 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—Sociology

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 sociology 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 (Recommended—PHI151 Intro to Philosophy)	3	SOC 175 Sociology of Families	3
IAI Humanities or Fine Arts	3	SOC 251 Social Problems	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences		^SOC 260 Sociology of Race & Ethnicity	3
SOC 151 Introduction to Sociology	3	^SOC 261 Sociology of Sex and Gender	3
ANT 151 or ANT 170 Introduction to Anthropology or Cultural Anthropology	3	Foreign Language	0–16
HIS 170 or PLT 151 or PSY 151 US History I or US Government or Introduction to Psychology	3	Examples of other courses that may satisfy requirements for your transfer school—	
^Physical and Life Sciences		^SOC 256, ANT 151, ANT 160, ANT 170, HIS 170, ^MAT 170, ^MAT 171, PLT 151, PSY 151	
(7 credits, 1 lab course)	3–4	Total Credits Required for AA Degree	60
IAI Physical Science		Many 4-year schools will accept a maximum of 60–64 transfer credits.	
IAI Life Science (Recommended—BIO 157 Fundamentals of Biology)	3–4		
Mathematics	3		
^IAI Mathematics (Recommended—MAT 120 or 220 General Statistics or Statistics)			

^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

Sociology is the scientific study of society. Sociologists are able to scientifically study society through empirical research as our interactions are patterned. Social structure and culture is a product of society. The sociological imagination helps us think critically. We are able to understand the impact of the larger social forces on our day-to-day lives. Sociology helps us reflect on the processes in society that impact us, giving us the ability to make the right choices. It helps us appreciate diversity in race, gender, social class, sexuality, age, among other factors which, shape our lives. These skills are important in increasing career opportunities.

Graduates of a bachelor's degree in sociology find employment in a wide range of careers: research, community development, counseling, criminal justice, health services, policy development, public relations, social services.

Admission and specific course requirements vary among four-year institutions. Sociology majors may have the 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.

A sociology major may pursue a program leading to state licensure as a high school teacher. 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 sociology. Following is a sample of Illinois public and private four-year institutions that offer sociology programs:

- Augustana College
- Aurora University
- Benedictine University
- Bradley University
- Chicago State University
- Concordia University
- DePaul University
- Dominican University
- Eastern Illinois University
- Elmhurst College
- Illinois State University
- Illinois Wesleyan
- Judson University
- 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 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.