

Illinois State University Transfer Guide

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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. Such changes take precedence over the information on this guide. Students should work with an MCC advisor and the four-year transfer school. Responsibility for complying with all applicable requirements ultimately rests with the student.

Transfer Options

First time transfer students to ISU are recommended to complete MCC's AA or AS degree or any portion of the Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC).

- **AA or AS Degree** - Transfer students admitted to ISU from an Illinois public community college who have completed an AA or an AS degree receive the following benefits:
 - Junior status
 - ISU general education requirements satisfied (specific majors may require additional coursework)
- **Illinois Articulation Agreement (IAI GECC)** – Transfer students who have been certified by a participating Illinois college or university as having completed the IAI GECC will be considered as having satisfied ISU's general education requirements if their general education component has a minimum of 37 semester hours (specific majors may require additional coursework).
- **For students who transfer prior to completing an AA or an AS degree or the IAI core:**
 - ISU credit can be transferred back to MCC for completion of AA or AS degree.
 - IAI core may be completed at ISU by taking ISU-approved IAI courses.
 - Students should discuss with their ISU advisor whether it would be in their best interest to complete the ISU or the IAI general education core.

Additional Information

- **Admission Criteria –**
 - **24 or more completed semester hours of college-level coursework at the time of application** - admission decisions are based on the following: cumulative GPA and prerequisite college-level coursework required for specific ISU major. (Following does not count toward the 24 credits: remedial coursework, proficiency credit, repeatable courses taken more than one time)
 - **Fewer than 24 completed semester hours of college-level coursework at time of application** - admission decisions are based on the following: cumulative GPA; prerequisite college-level coursework required for specific ISU major; high school transcript information (cumulative GPA, grade trends, and rigor of courses completed); ACT or SAT scores; GED scores (if non-high school graduate)
 - **Preferred filing period** - Spring (April 1 – August 1, application deadline is November 1); Summer/Fall (September 1 – January 1, application deadline is March 1). Deadlines are subject to change based on enrollment patterns. Students should apply early in the application filing period in order to have the best chance of being admitted to competitive majors. Students applying and submitting all transcripts and required documents in the preferred filing period will be able to participate in advanced course registration. Students applying or submitting required documents after the preferred filing period will be admitted as space permits.
 - **Highest admission consideration** is granted to transfer students with the strongest academic preparation. Cumulative GPA and progress toward completion of general education and major program degree requirements are the most important factors in admission decisions. The average GPA for admitted students for Fall 2011 was just above a 3.1 on a 4.0 scale.
 - **GPA calculation for admission** - For repeat courses, ISU uses the most recent - repeated grade for calculating.
- **Maximum hours from a community college** - Up to 70 academic credits may be transferred from a community college.
- **Catalog Rule** – A transfer student from an Illinois public community college may choose to meet graduation requirements specified in the ISU catalog in effect at the time the student entered the community college if 1) attendance was not interrupted and 2) transfer to ISU occurred within 9 months of attendance at the community college.
- **Foreign Language Requirement** – All students completing a degree through the College of Arts and Sciences must satisfy a foreign language requirement in one of the following ways: 3 years of one foreign language in high school or completion of the second semester or higher of college-level foreign language with a passing grade or equivalent proficiency as determined by examination. All BA degree students must complete at least the third semester of college-level foreign language. This is one

more semester beyond the requirement for majors in the College of Arts and Sciences. The requirement at ISU is LAN115 which would be the 251 level courses at MCC.

- **Global Studies Requirement** – All students must complete a designated course in the cultures and traditions of societies of peoples from Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, or Indigenous Peoples of the World. IAI courses with number ending with N will fulfill the requirement. (see courses listed in chart below)
- **BS degree requires an additional general education course in the area of Science, Mathematics, and Technology.** (see courses listed in chart below) Must be at least 3 sem. hrs.
- ISU requires all students to have a declared major upon completion of 75 hours of college-level coursework, including transfer credit. At 75 hours earned, students without a declared major (“Undeclared Students”) will have their next semester’s schedule dropped unless they successfully complete an appeal process through the office of Enrollment Management and Academic Services. To be eligible for financial aid and in order to be consistent with federal financial aid guidelines, Illinois State students with 75 hours or more must be enrolled in a major program leading to a degree. A helpful website: findyourmajor.illinoisstate.edu

The following chart shows ISU’s general education requirements and MCC’s equivalents. Courses on the chart are recommended for the following students:

- Native ISU students following a 1998 or later catalog, planning to take classes at MCC to transfer back to ISU
- Students planning to enter ISU as freshmen who also want to take courses at MCC the summer between high school graduation and entering ISU

ISU Basic Curriculum	Required	MCC Equivalents
Inner Core Courses		
ENG 101	1 course	ENG 151
COM 110	1 course	SPE 151
Mathematics	1 course	MAT 150 , 170 , MAT 175
Natural Sciences	2 courses (2 different prefixes)	BIO 157 , 158; CHM 115 , 164 , 165 ; GEL 101 , 103; PHY 280 , PHY 291
Middle Core Courses - 5 courses required, choose 1 from each category		
Quantitative Reasoning	1 course	<u>For B.S. degree, choose from following:</u> MAT 120 , MAT 171, MAT 220 , MAT 245 <u>For B.A. degree, choose from following:</u> FRE 251, 252 ; GER 251, 252 ; SPA 251, 252 (can be used to satisfy only one requirement)
Language in Humanities	1 course	FRE 252, GER 252, SPA 252 (can be used to satisfy only one requirement)
United States Traditions	1 course	None
Individuals and Civic Life	1 course	None
Individuals & Societies	1 course	PHI 158; PSY 151; SOC251
Outer Core Courses - 4 courses required, choose 1 from each category		
Science, Math & Technology	1 course	BIO 110 , 137 , 255 ; EAS 120 , 185 ; HFE150
Social Sciences	1 course	ANT160; PSY250, 265, 280; SOC101
Fine Arts	1 course	MUS154
Humanities	1 course	ENG253, 255 , 256 , 271 ; HIS 165 ; PHI151

NOTE: The **B.S. degree** requires one additional science, mathematics, or technology course, beyond the general education requirements. The following MCC courses will meet this graduation requirement for Science, Mathematics and Technology: BIO110, 137, 255; CHM166, 170, 265; EAS 120, 185; HFE150; HRT105; MAT120, 171, 220, 245, 253, 255; PHY281, 292

NOTE: **Global Studies** - One of the following MCC courses will satisfy ISU’s Global Studies graduation requirement: ANT151, 170; ART155, 165; ENG272, 276; GEG203, 204; HIS 165; MUS153; PHI160, 261; PLT251, 261, 281

My MCC Education Plan

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