

Sample Education Plan Associate in Arts (AA) Area of Focus: Art/Art History



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) Art Panel. Please note that requirements vary among four-year colleges and universities and among bachelor degree types: Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA). 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—Art/Art History

Please see Transfer Notes for information about the different types of bachelor's degrees in art 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 art 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	Electives (approximately 23 credits, will depend on credit value of your required course selections)	
Humanities and Fine Arts		Recommended Courses (select with your advisor):	
ART 171 Art History I	3	Studio Art Majors	
ART 172 Art History II	3	ART 153 Two-Dimensional Design	3
IAI Humanities	3	ART 156 Drawing I	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences		^ART 157 Drawing II	3
PSY 151 Introduction to Psychology	3	^ART 158 Life Drawing	3
IAI Social and Behavioral Science	3	ART 253 Three-Dimensional Design	3
IAI Social and Behavioral Science	3	Art History Majors	
(Art Education major recommended courses: HIS 170 or HIS 172, PLT 151; Art History major recommended courses: HIS 131, HIS 132, ANT 151, ANT 155)		ART 174 Studies in Contemporary Art	3
^Physical and Life Sciences		ART 175 History of Photography	3
(7 credits, 1 lab course)		ART 176 Fashion and Art	3
IAI Physical Science	3-4	Studio Art Course	3-6
IAI Life Science	3-4	All Art Majors	
Mathematics		Foreign Language	0-16
IAI Mathematics	3	Total Credits Required for AA Degree	60
		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 art may be in a variety of areas, for example, studio art, art history, or art education. The degree granted is either a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA). The BA degree allows students to study art and design with a continued focus in the liberal arts. The BFA degree is a pre-professional degree best suited for those who wish to be practicing artists.

It is recommended that students who are interested in a BFA degree follow MCC's Associate in Fine Arts (AFA) degree requirements. All students should work closely with an MCC academic advisor and the Art Department for guidance toward the appropriate academic plan.

Admission and specific course requirements for baccalaureate art programs vary among four-year institutions. Many require a portfolio review for admission and for transfer of studio art courses. 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.

It is not uncommon that a BFA or an art education program require a minimum of three years at the four-year institution due to sequencing and course scheduling. Some four-year schools recommend students transfer after one year at the community college.

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

- Augustana College
- Aurora University
- Bradley University
- Chicago State University
- Columbia College Chicago
- Concordia University
- DePaul University
- Eastern Illinois University
- Elmhurst College
- Governors State University
- Illinois State University
- Illinois Wesleyan
- Judson University
- Lake Forest College
- Lewis University
- Millikin University
- Monmouth College
- North Central College
- North Park University
- Northeastern Illinois University
- Northern Illinois University
- Northwestern University
- Rockford University
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
- Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
- 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.