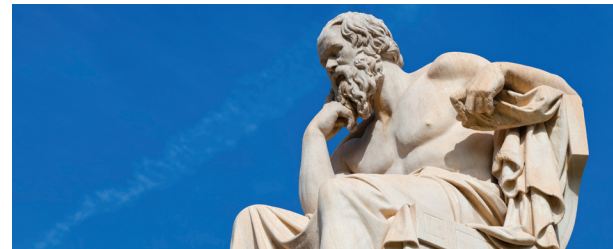


# Sample Education Plan Associate in Arts (AA) Area of Focus: Philosophy



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. 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](http://www.mchenry.edu/transfer).

## AA Degree Requirements: Area of Focus—Philosophy

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 Philosophy 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
<b>Communications</b>		<b>Diversity and Multicultural Studies</b>	
^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		
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b>		<b>Electives</b> (approximately 23 credits, will depend on credit value of your required course selections)	
IAI Fine Arts	3	<b>Recommended Courses (select with your advisor):</b>	
PHI 151 Introduction to Philosophy	3	PH I155 Intro to Logic	3
IAI Humanities or Fine Arts	3	PHI 251 Intro to Ethics	3
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences</b>		Foreign Language	0–16
IAI Social & Behavioral Science	3	Additional courses with the PHI prefix or that relate to your career goals	
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<b>^Physical and Life Sciences</b>		<b>Total Credits Required for AA Degree</b>	<b>60</b>
(7 credits, 1 lab course)		Many 4-year schools will accept a maximum of 60–64 transfer credits.	
IAI Physical Science	3–4		
IAI Life Science	3–4		
<b>Mathematics</b>			
IAI Mathematics	3		

^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

The study of philosophy teaches you to ask questions, analyze, contrast viewpoints, and problem solve. A baccalaureate degree in philosophy, by itself, does not lead to any particular job path, but skills learned are universal and can apply to just about every career. Philosophy students find themselves well positioned for admission to graduate schools.

Admission and specific course requirements vary among four-year institutions. Students majoring in philosophy may have a 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.

### Transfer Schools

Many schools offer majors in philosophy. Following is a sample of Illinois public and private four-year institutions that offer philosophy programs:

- Augustana College
- Aurora University
- Benedictine University
- Bradley University
- Concordia University
- DePaul University
- Dominican University
- Eastern Illinois University
- Elmhurst College
- Illinois State University
- Illinois Wesleyan
- 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
- Olivet Nazarene University
- Rockford University
- Roosevelt University
- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
- Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
- St Xavier University
- Trinity Christian
- Trinity International University
- 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](http://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](http://www.mchenry.edu/transfer)—Find transfer guides, course equivalencies, partnership agreements, and other transfer resources.