

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

BACCALAUREATE TRANSFER – ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

The Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree is intended for students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university to complete a baccalaureate degree. The 62 credit hour degree comprises a minimum of 38 credit hours in general education, 16 elective credit hours, and 8 credit hours in a foreign language and is designed so that students may choose from a broad selection of liberal arts courses.* Completion of the A.A. degree prepares students to transfer with junior standing.

Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI)

City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) participates in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) which is a comprehensive statewide effort among more than 100 colleges and universities in Illinois to facilitate the transfer of students. Benefits for students include:

- Students who complete the A.A. degree at the CCC, and who meet the admission requirements of the IAI participating baccalaureate degree granting institution to which they transfer, will have completed the lower-division general education requirements for an associate or baccalaureate degree in lieu of the receiving institutions general education requirements.
- Students who complete the IAI General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) at the CCC and transfer to participating institutions have the assurance that lower-division general education requirements for an associate or baccalaureate degree have been satisfied and the GECC will transfer.

The IAI website <http://www.itransfer.org/newwebsite> includes information on requirements for general education and specific majors, course descriptions, and a student planning worksheet. Also, see CCC general education and majors IAI equivalency charts on pages 31 - 37.

Foreign Language Requirement for the Associate in Arts Degree

Effective fall 2009, all incoming students to the CCC seeking an Associate in Arts degree are required to successfully complete eight (8) semester hours of credit in a foreign language, which is equivalent to completion of a 102 foreign language course.

*Students intending to major in communications, humanities, social sciences, or other related professional fields should pursue the A.A. degree. Within the A.A. degree, students can choose from among various concentration areas listed below. **However, the concentration areas offered for the A.A. degree are not separate degrees and will not show on transcripts as the specific concentration, but simply as the Associate in Arts degree.** Specific course requirements within each concentration will be determined by the individual college during student advisement. Students are encouraged to select courses that will transfer to the baccalaureate degree granting institution they plan to attend: either IAI approved courses, or when applicable, courses that have signed form 13 articulation agreements on file, or satisfy course equivalency status. (See A.A. 210 degree model in this section which provides transfer definitions in end notes.)

Concentration Areas

See IAI approved majors in Business, Criminal Justice, English, History, Mass Communications, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and Theater Arts – see IAI Majors Grid, or visit the IAI website at <http://www.itransfer.org/iai/majors/default.aspx?file=iai§ion=students>.

Additionally, other areas of concentrations include: Addiction Studies, Afro-American Studies, Child Development, Cinema/Media Studies, Diversity/Ethnic Studies, Entrepreneurship, Foreign Language, Humanities, Information Systems, Journalism, Latin American/Latino Studies, Law (pre), Literature, Philosophy, Physical Education, Public Safety, Religion, Social Science, Social Work, Speech, Women's Studies, and Youth Work.

Note: For either IAI approved majors or other areas of concentration, students should meet with a CCC Academic Advisor early to create an interdisciplinary plan that will best suit their needs. For a course(s) that is not part of an IAI-approved major, students should immediately consult both a CCC Academic Advisor and an Admissions Representative at the four-year institution to which they will transfer regarding the transferability of the course(s).

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ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE (A.A.) 210

minimum 62 CH

I. GENERAL EDUCATION APPROVED CORE*

38 CH

A. COMMUNICATIONS

English 101, English 102, Speech 101

9 CH

B. MATHEMATICS

Mathematics 118 – or above

4 CH

C. PHYSICAL/LIFE SCIENCES**

Minimum of one course each in

Physical Science & Life Sciences (Group A & B)
One of the courses from Group A or B must be a lab.

7 CH

Group A (Physical Sciences):

Astronomy 201 (no lab)

Chemistry

Geology 201

Physical Sciences

Physics

Group B (Life Sciences):

Biology

Botany 201

Oceanography 101 (no lab)

Zoology 211

D. HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS**

Minimum of one course each in

Humanities & Fine Arts (Group A & B)

9 CH

Group A (Humanities):

Afro American Studies 101

Humanities

Literature

Philosophy

Religion

Group A (continued):

Foreign Languages (104 or above)

Arabic	French	Japanese	Polish
Chinese	Italian	Latin	Spanish

Group B (Fine Arts):

Art 103 Music

Fine Arts Theater Art

E. SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

Anthropology 201, 202 Political Science

Economics 201, 202 Psychology

Geography Social Science 101, 102

History Sociology

9 CH

Human Diversity Requirement: At least one course must meet the State of Illinois' Human Diversity requirement. The course descriptions on the IAI website shown below for Humanities, Fine Arts, and the Social and Behavioral Sciences include the designations "D" or "N".

The "D" designation represents courses designed specifically to examine aspects of human diversity within the United States;

The "N" designated courses are designed specifically to examine aspects of human diversity from a non-U.S./non-European perspective, or courses designed specifically to examine aspects of human diversity from a non-Western perspective.

<http://itransfer.org/iai/gened/Default.aspx?section=students&p=h>

<http://itransfer.org/iai/gened/Default.aspx?section=students&p=s>

Students should meet with a college Academic Advisor for course selection from the general education core courses shown on the A.A. model under Humanities/Fine Arts, and Social/Behavioral Sciences.

II. ADDITIONAL COLLEGE AA REQUIREMENTS** ***

A. ELECTIVES

16 CH

B. FOREIGN LANGUAGE****

8 CH

Foreign language which is equivalent to completion of a 102 foreign language course.

** All courses shown in the General Education core must be IAI approved and are listed in the IAI general education equivalency chart of the catalog or, when applicable, have signed Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) form 13 articulation agreements on file indicating by the receiving institution that the course is accepted for transfer under general education.*

"The IAI General Education core transfers as a 'package' to all colleges and universities participating in the IAI. Course-to-course transfer is not guaranteed."

*** Some courses may not be offered every semester. Thus, students should select their courses with consultation from a college Academic Advisor or Department Chairperson. Students should also obtain the course schedule published each academic term or semester for the CCC College from where the student will take courses. The course schedule can also be downloaded from the CCC website at <http://www.ccc.edu>.*

**** Courses in the category of Additional College A.A. Requirements and Electives must be either IAI approved or, when applicable, have signed form 13 articulation agreements on file, or satisfy equivalency status in compliance with ICCB guidelines.*

[Equivalency is defined as: A "Transfer Guide" from X University that demonstrates that Y course from one of the City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) is comparable to a course taught at X University and that the "Transfer Guide" from that University will suffice in lieu of IAI approval or signed form 13 articulation agreements on file at the College and at the CCC District Office of Academic and Occupational Programs.]

***** Effective Fall 2009*