ILLINOIS ARTICULATION INITIATIVE (IAI)

Models for CCC Associate in Arts (A.A.) and Associate in Science (A.S.) Transfer Degrees and General Education

City Colleges of Chicago 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. IAI became effective for students entering a participating college or university as first-time, first-year students the summer of 1998. Benefits for students are as follows:

- Students who complete the A.A. or A.S. degree at the City Colleges of Chicago, 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 institution’s general education requirements.

- Students who complete the IAI General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) at City Colleges of Chicago 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.

A participating/receiving institution may require transfer students to complete an institution-wide and/or mission-related graduation requirement beyond the scope of the Illinois General Education Core Curriculum.

The IAI Website [http://www.itransfer.org/newwebsite](http://www.itransfer.org/newwebsite) includes information on requirements for general education and specific majors, course descriptions, and a student planning worksheet. (See IAI equivalency course grids in this section for general education and majors.)

Due to the increasing number of students fulfilling degree requirements at more than one City College, district-wide models for A.A. and A.S. Transfer Degrees showing minimum general education requirements have been designed. The models facilitate the need for a smooth transition for the student’s path to degree completion.

The CCC degree models for both the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science programs, indicate general education minimum requirements as well as the State of Illinois Human Diversity requirement which follow the IAI course equivalency grids.

**Human Diversity Requirement:** At least one course must meet the State of Illinois Human Diversity (HD) requirement. The pages 32-36 in the catalog for Humanities & Fine Arts and Social & Behavioral Sciences include the designations “D” for 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.

See the following for IAI Requirements:

http://ittransfer.org/iai/gened/Defaultaspx?section=students&p=h