



Sample Transfer
Plan

Area of Focus: Art (including Graphic Design/Visual Communication)

Associate in Arts (AA) transfer degree

This Sample Transfer Plan is for students intending to major in Art after transfer, but who have not selected a transfer institution. Students who have a specific transfer school in mind should not use this guide, but instead seek advising from BHC and the transfer school to ensure the transfer institution's requirements are met.

A variety of instructional formats provide opportunities to develop the skills that meet the changing demands of this multi-faceted profession. Small classes enhance the educational environment and enable the student to develop technical proficiency as well as personal style. Individual creative expression is encouraged. Students enrolled in the Associate in Arts degree, who also plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in art, will submit a portfolio of their work, which must meet the approval of the Black Hawk College Art Faculty. The portfolio must include a complete representation of the student's period of study at BHC. Art majors may enter a wide variety of careers such as illustration, graphic design, visual communication, web design, animation, fine arts, or art education.

| General Education Recommendations: | | minimum 37 credits |
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| <p>This section includes the complete Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC), which is a package of courses meeting general education requirements at more than 100 participating Illinois colleges and universities.</p> | | |
| <p>Communication (9 credits) – all courses required ENG 101 Composition I (3) – <i>grade 'C' or better required</i> ENG 102 Composition II (3) – <i>grade 'C' or better required</i> SPEC 101 Principles of Speech Communication (3)</p> | | <p>Social & Behavioral Sciences (9 credits) <i>Must include courses from two disciplines</i> Choose three IAI: S courses (3 each)</p> |
| <p>Humanities & Fine Arts (9 credits) ART 281 – History of Western Art I (3) ART 282 – History of Western Art II (3) <i>If transferring to an art major at UIUC take ART 281 or ART 282 for general education credit. Seek advising to select another Humanities or Fine Arts course for this section.</i> Humanities - choose one IAI: H or HF course (3)</p> | <p>ART 100 - Art Appreciation is not recommended for Art transfer students.</p> | <p>Mathematics (3 credits) Choose one IAI: M course (3 min.)</p> |
| <p>Physical & Life Sciences (7 credits min. - include one lab) Life Science – choose one IAI: L course (3 min.) Physical Science – choose one IAI: P course (3 min.)</p> | | <p>-or- NSCI 101 – Environmental Science I (3) and NSCI 102 – Environmental Science II (4) <i>Education majors should consult with advisor before choosing the NSCI series</i></p> |

| Elective Recommendations: | | up to 23 credits |
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| <p>This section includes courses appropriate for this area of focus. Because transfer institutions vary in their acceptance of coursework, see Course Transfer Tables and Transferology, or an advisor. IAI courses are identified with an asterisk *.</p> <p>Seek advising about other elective courses that may support your reasons for choosing Art.</p> | | |
| <p>Art Electives ART 101 – 2-Dimensional Design (3) * ART 111 – 3-Dimensional Design (3) * ART 121 – Drawing I (3) * ART 122 – Drawing II (3) * ART 201 – Life Drawing (3) ART 289 – Portfolio Development (3) <i>These electives provide a strong foundation for portfolio development.</i></p> <p>Additional Electives <i>Select ART studio courses from at least two media in consultation with an art department faculty advisor.</i></p> | <p>Graphic Design / Visual Communication Emphasis Electives: ART 190 Introduction to Computer Art (3) <i>formerly titled ART 290 Applications in Computer Art</i> ART 213 Digital Photography (3) ART 215 Digital Imagery (3) ART 246 Graphic Design (3) <i>may take instead ART 234 Digital Video and Editing (3) and/or ART 247 Motion Graphics (3)</i> ART 248 Production and Prepress (3)</p> <p>Second Language: Consider potential second language admission and/or graduation requirements of transfer schools, which may be satisfied with high school and/or college courses. Consult an advisor.</p> | |
| <p>Minor: Transfer majors may require a minor area of study, which may be started at BHC with 1-3 courses. Discuss possible minors & courses with an advisor.</p> | | |

60 total credits required for AA degree (General Education + Electives)

Non-Western studies graduation requirement. To graduate with the AA degree, include at least one non-Western studies course. The course can simultaneously fulfill a general education requirement in humanities, fine arts, or social and behavioral science, or be taken as an elective. Choose from ANTH 100 or 102; ART 285 or 286; ENG 217, 218 or 219; HIST 222, 141, 142 or 151; HUM 102; IS 200; or MUSC 158.

Learn More About This Area of Focus:

- Get to know [Black Hawk College Career Services](#) Phone: 309-796-5626
- Visit [Career Coach](#) to Browse Careers. Includes job data and open positions for the greater Quad City region and beyond
- Browse careers at [Collegegrad.com/careers](#) [O*Net OnLine](#) [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) [Occupational Profiles](#)
- For additional information visit: [The Art Career Project](#) [American Institute of Graphic Arts](#) [American Craft Council](#)

Course Transferability:

- Course and transfer requirements can vary among institutions and may differ from the recommendations on this guide. Grades of 'C' or better may be required for a course to transfer, especially courses intended for the major.
- **Students are advised to select a transfer school as soon as possible, typically before completing 30 college-level credits.**

Where to transfer?

Explore transfer colleges and universities and their majors:

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| Explore Colleges & Universities https://www.bhc.edu/academics/transfer-planning/explore-colleges-universities/ | Illinois Institutional Profiles https://illinoispostsecondaryprofiles.com/Home/index | College Navigator https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/ |
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Degree Timeframe:

- Students who complete an average of 15 college-level credits in four consecutive fall and spring semesters could complete the degree in two years. Students determine their own pace and progress and should consider their work and personal commitments, course difficulty, course pre-requisites, and possible need for additional courses determined by placement assessments. Advisors are available to discuss credit load and schedules appropriate for student goals and circumstances.
- Students transferring before completing the associate degree should discuss [Reverse Transfer](#) with their BHC advisor. Black Hawk College will evaluate your college or university work to determine if those credits will fulfill the remaining requirements of the associate's degree.

Advising Notes:

- See the current [BHC Catalog](#) for all IAI course codes, course descriptions, pre-requisite information, and complete graduation requirements to earn the degree. The area of focus is not stated on student transcripts.
- This guide is not a substitute for advising. All students are encouraged to connect with their assigned BHC advisor each semester.

| Semester | Meet with BHC advisor | Registration begins |
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| Summer and Fall | February or March | 1 st Tuesday in April |
| Spring & minimester | September or October | 1 st Tuesday in November |

BHC Contacts

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