



Sample Transfer
Plan

Area of Focus: **Communication (Speech)**

Associate in Arts (AA) transfer degree

This Sample Transfer Plan is for students intending to major in Communication (Speech) after transfer, but who have not selected a transfer institution. Students who have a specific transfer school in mind should work with BHC and transfer school advisors to ensure the transfer school's requirements are met.

Students taking the recommended courses will develop a strong liberal arts background with an emphasis in verbal and written communication. The ability to communicate competently in public, in person, through technology and across cultural differences increases productivity, creates a better work environment and leads to career success. A degree in communication prepares for future employment in human resource management, training and development, recruitment, non-profit organizations, sales, retail management, event planning, public relations, media studies, government service, and education, as well as for further education in graduate school, law school, or the seminary. Communication transfer programs offer a great deal of flexibility and customization.

General Education Recommendations:		minimum 37 credits
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.		
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)	Social & Behavioral Sciences (9 credits) <i>Must include courses from two disciplines</i> Choose three IAI: S courses (3 each)	
Humanities & Fine Arts (9 credits) Humanities - choose one IAI: H or HF course (3) Fine Arts - TV 212 History & Appreciation of the Motion Picture, THEA 111 Introduction to Theatre Arts, or IAI: F or HF course (3) Humanities or Fine Arts – choose one F, H, or HF course (3)	Mathematics (3 credits) Choose one IAI: M course (3 min.)	
Physical & Life Sciences (7 credits min. including one lab) Life Science – choose one IAI: L course (3 min.) Physical Science – choose one IAI: P course (3 min.)	-or- NSCI 101 – Environmental Science I (3) and NSCI 102 – Environmental Science II (4)	

Elective Recommendations:		up to 23 credits
This section includes courses appropriate for this area of focus. Because transfer institutions vary in their acceptance of coursework, check course transferability with Transfer Equivalencies , Transferology , or an advisor. IAI courses are identified with an asterisk *. Seek advising about other elective courses that may support your reasons for choosing this area of focus.		
Speech Electives SPEC 111 Business and Professional Communication (3) * SPEC 114 Interpersonal Communication (3) * SPEC 175 Intercultural Communication (3) * Other Communication Electives MCA 221 Intro to Mass Communication (3) * CS 100 Introduction to Computers (3)	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. Minor: A major in Communication (Speech) may offer a concentration within the major or require a minor area of study. Start at BHC with 1-3 courses. Discuss courses selection and transferability with an advisor. For example: <i>Business minor:</i> courses with prefix ACCT, BUSN and ECON <i>Advertising/Public Relations minor:</i> courses with prefix BUSN and ENG	

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: [International Communication Association](#); [International Association of Business Communicators](#); [Public Relations Society of America](#); [National Association of Broadcasters](#); [National Speakers Association](#)

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:		
BHC Transfer Guides and Agreements https://www.bhc.edu/academics/transfer-programs/guides-and-agreements/	Illinois Institutional Profiles https://illinoispostsecondaryprofiles.com/Home/index	College Navigator https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/

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
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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