



Associate in Arts (AA) Degree Planning Worksheet

Effective for students following the 2025-2026 catalog

This worksheet is for general planning purposes. Refer to the college catalog for complete Graduation Requirements, course descriptions, and pre-requisites at www.bhc.edu/academics/catalog. For any discrepancies between this worksheet and the catalog, the catalog prevails. **Students with a specific transfer major and institution in mind should contact that school for course recommendations and work closely with a Black Hawk College advisor.**

General Education

- Completion of the General Education courses below completes the Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC).
- **Graduation requirement: select one Non-Western Studies course from categories in Humanities, Fine Arts, or Social and Behavioral Sciences. (see courses with the ♦ symbol).**
- Up to twenty credits may be earned by the following methods: Departmental Proficiency, Portfolios, Advanced Placement Program (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Armed Service Experience, High School Articulation, and International Baccalaureate (IB). Refer to “Non-Traditional Credit” in the catalog.

Course Key:	Prefix	Number	Credit Hours	Title	IAI Code
	ENG	101	(3)	Composition I	(C1 900)

COMMUNICATION

3 COURSES (9 CREDITS) □

_____ * ENG 101 or 101C (3)	Composition I (C1 900)	_____ SPEC 101 (3)	Principles of Speech Communication (C2 900)
_____ * ENG 102 (3)	Composition II (C1 901R)	*A grade of “C” or better in ENG 101 and ENG 102 is required for graduation and IAI credit including course equivalents transferred from other colleges.	

HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS

3 COURSES (9 CREDITS) □

Choose one course from Humanities and one course from Fine Arts. The third course can be from either category.

Humanities:

_____ ENG 190 (3)	Introduction to Literature (H3 900)	_____ HIST 125 (3)	Western Civilization I (H2 901)
_____ ENG 206 (3)	Ethnic American Literature (H3 910D)	_____ HIST 127 (3)	Western Civilization II (H2 902)
_____ ENG 207 (3)	Introduction to Women Writers (H3 911D)	_____ ♦ HIST 222 (3)	Comparative Religions (H5 904N)
_____ ENG 210 (3)	Introduction to Fiction (H3 901)	_____ ** HUM 101 (3)	Western Arts & Cultures (HF 900)
_____ ENG 214 (3)	Modern American Literature (H3 915)	_____ ♦**HUM 102 (3)	Non-Western Arts & Cultures (HF 904N)
_____ ♦ ENG 217 (3)	Africa & Caribbean Literature (H3 908N)	_____ PHIL 100 (3)	Logic (H4 906)
_____ ♦ ENG 218 (3)	Latin American Lit - Translation (H3 908N)	_____ PHIL 101 (3)	Introduction to Philosophy (H4 900)
_____ ♦ ENG 219 (3)	Asian Literature (H3 908N)	_____ PHIL 103 (3)	Ethics (H4 904)
_____ ENG 221 (3)	Survey of British Literature (H3 912)	_____ PHIL 206 (3)	Philosophy of Religion (H4 905)
_____ ENG 223 (3)	Introduction to Shakespeare (H3 905)	_____ POLS 200 (3)	Intro to Political Thought (H4 907, PLS 913)
_____ ENG 240 (3)	Children’s Literature (H3 918)	_____ SPAN 202 (4)	Intermediate Spanish II (H1 900)
_____ ** ENG 250 (3)	Film as Literature (HF 908) (through spring 2024)		

Fine Arts:

_____ ART 100 (3)	Art Appreciation (F2 900)	_____ ♦**HUM 102 (3)	Non-Western Arts & Cultures (HF 904N)
_____ ART 281 (3)	History of Western Art I (F2 901)	_____ MUSC 154 (3)	Music Appreciation (F1 900)
_____ ART 282 (3)	History of Western Art II (F2 902)	_____ ♦ MUSC 158 (3)	Intro to Non-Western Music (F1 903N)
_____ ♦ ART 285 (3)	Survey of Asian Art (F2 903N)	_____ MUSC 160 (3)	Jazz, Blues and Rock & Roll (F1 905D) (starting fall 2024)
_____ ♦ ART 286 (3)	Survey of Non-Western Art (F2 903N)	_____ THEA 111 (3)	Introduction to Theatre Arts (F1 907)
_____ ** ENG 250 (3)	Film as Literature (HF 908) (through spring 2024)	_____ TV 212 (3)	History & Appreciation of the Motion Picture (F2 909)
_____ ENG 255 (3)	Introduction to Film (F2 908) (starting fall 2024)		
_____ ** HUM 101 (3)	Western Arts & Cultures (HF 900)		

**May satisfy a Humanities -OR- Fine Arts requirement. | ♦ Course meets BHC’s Non-Western Studies requirement.

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

3 COURSES (9 CREDITS)

Choose courses from at least two disciplines.

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| _____ ◆ ANTH 100 (3) Intro to Anthropology (S1 900N) | _____ ◆ HIST 142 (3) History of Asia since 1500 (S2 920N) |
| _____ ANTH 101 (3) Intro to Physical Anthropology (S1 902) | _____ ◆ HIST 151 (3) History of the Middle East Since 1700 (S2 920N) |
| _____ ◆ ANTH 102 (3) Intro to Cultural Anthropology (S1 901N) | _____ HIST 200 (3) African-American History (S2 923D) |
| _____ ANTH 103 (3) Intro to Archaeology (S1 903) | _____ ◆ IS 200 (3) Global Issues (S9 900) |
| _____ ECON 221 (3) Principles of Macroeconomics (S3 901) | _____ POLS 122 (3) American National Government (S5 900) |
| _____ ECON 222 (3) Principles of Microeconomics (S3 902) | _____ PSYC 101 (3) Intro to Psychology (S6 900) |
| _____ HIST 105 (3) US History to 1877 (S2 900) | _____ PSYC 200 (3) Human Growth & Development (S6 902) |
| _____ HIST 106 (3) US History since 1877 (S2 901) | _____ PSYC 262 (3) Child Psychology (S6 903) |
| _____ ◆ HIST 115 (3) World History to 1500 (S2 912N)
(starting spring 2024) | _____ SOC 101 (3) Principles of Sociology (S7 900) |
| _____ ◆ HIST 116 (3) World History since 1500 (S2 913N)
(starting spring 2024) | _____ SOC 102 (3) Contemporary Social Problems (S7 901) |
| _____ ◆ HIST 141 (3) History of Asia to 1500 (S2 920N) | _____ SOC 250 (3) Social Inequality (S7 905D) |
| | _____ SOC 251 (3) Sociology of Families (S7 902) |
| | _____ SOC 264 (3) Social Psychology of Aging (S6 905) |

◆ Course meets BHC's Non-Western Studies requirement.

MATHEMATICS

1 COURSE (3 CREDITS MINIMUM)

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| _____ MATH 108 or 108C (3) Statistics for General Ed (M1 902) | _____ MATH 200 (4) Math for Elem Teachers II (M1 903)
(starting fall 2024.) Only for students majoring in
Elementary Educ. or Special Educ. |
| _____ MATH 110 or 110C (3) Math for General Education (M1 904) | _____ MATH 225 (4) Calculus II with Analytic Geo (M1 900-2, MTH 902) |
| _____ MATH 124 (4) Calculus I with Analytic Geo (M1 900-1, MTH 901) | _____ MATH 226 (5) Calculus III with Analytic Geo (M1 900-3,
MTH 903) |
| _____ MATH 131 (3) Finite Mathematics (M1 906) | _____ MATH 228 (3) Probability and Statistics (M1 902, BUS 901) |
| _____ MATH 132 (4) Calculus for Bus/Soc Sciences (M1 900-B) | |
| _____ MATH 161 (3) Discrete Mathematics (M1 905, CS 915) | |

PHYSICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES

2 COURSES (7 CREDITS MINIMUM)

Select one course from Group 1 (Physical Sciences) and one course from Group 2 (Life Sciences), including at least one course that meets the lab science requirement, or select both NSCI 101 and NSCI 102.

Group 1 - Physical Sciences:

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| _____ ASTR 101 (4) Astronomy: The Solar System (P1 906L) |
| _____ ASTR 102 (4) Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies (P1 906L) |
| _____ CHEM 101 (4) General Chemistry I (P1 902L, CHM 911) |
| _____ CHEM 110 (4) Introduction to Chemistry (P1 902L) |
| _____ CHEM 111 (4) Organo-Bio-Chemical Principles (P1 904L) |
| _____ PHYS 101 (5) College Physics I (P1 900L) |
| _____ PHYS 110 (4) Introduction to Physics (P1 900L) |
| _____ PHYS 140 (3) Practical Physics (no lab) (P1 900) |
| _____ PHYS 201 (5) Mechanics and Thermal Physics (P2 900L, PHY 911) |
| _____ PS 101 (4) Introduction to Physical Science (P9 900L) |
| _____ PS 205 (3) Issues in Science, Tech and Soc (no lab) (P9 900) |

Group 2 - Life Sciences:

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| _____ BIOL 100 (4) Introduction to Biology (L1 900L) |
| _____ BIOL 101 (4) General Human Biology (L1 904L) |
| _____ BIOL 105 (5) General Biology I (L1 910L, BIO 910) |
| _____ BIOL 106 (5) General Biology II (L1 910L, BIO 910) |
| _____ BIOL 190 (4) Animal Diversity (L1 902L) |
| _____ BIOL 200 (3) Environmental Bio - Human Impact (no lab) (L1 905) |
| _____ BIOL 201 (3) Environmental Bio - Diversity (no lab) (L1 905) |
| _____ BIOL 211 (4) General Botany (L1 901L) |
| _____ BIOL 250 (3) Genetics (no lab) (L1 906) |
| _____ * BIOL 251 (1) Genetics Laboratory (L1 906L) |

*Completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, BIOL 250 required. BIOL 250 plus BIOL 251 satisfy the lab requirement for graduation.

Interdisciplinary Sciences:

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| _____ NSCI 101 (3) Environmental Science I (no lab) (LP 900) |
| _____ NSCI 102 (4) Environmental Science II (LP 901L) |

Students seeking a teaching license (i.e. elementary, early childhood, special, middle-level, secondary) should see an advisor before enrolling in NSCI courses.

To Graduate

General Education credits (37 minimum) _____

Elective credits to reach 60 total degree credits + _____

TOTAL CREDITS (60 minimum, of which 24 are earned at BHC) = _____

GPA 2.0 minimum

Completed one Non-Western Studies course (courses with the ◆ symbol)

Students may not receive graduation credit twice for the following combinations of completed coursework:

- a. ENG 101 and ENG 101C
- b. MATH 108 and MATH 108C*
- c. MATH 110 and MATH 110C
- d. MATH 112 and MATH 112C

* Additionally, if taking MATH 108 or MATH 108C, and also MATH 228, one course can count as general education and the other course as an elective toward graduation.

Effective fall 2025 – rules for the following combinations of successfully completed coursework:	
PHYS 101 taken first, followed by PHYS 201	See Note
PHYS 201 taken first	PHYS 101 enrollment not allowed
PHYS 102 taken first, followed by PHYS 202	See Note
PHYS 202 taken first	PHYS 102 enrollment not allowed
CHEM 110 taken first, followed by CHEM 101	See Note
CHEM 101 taken first	CHEM 110 enrollment not allowed
Note: both courses in the combination can receive graduation credit.	

Electives

Students should work with an advisor to select only articulated transfer or career courses as electives to satisfy the 60 credit hour graduation requirement. Because requirements vary among institutions and from state to state, students should request assistance in determining course transferability from their academic advisor. No course numbered below 100 will apply toward graduation.

Courses may also include:

- Courses required by Black Hawk College and/or the transfer school for a particular major.
- Additional courses selected from the GECC.
- Courses that transfer from other institutions and coded by Black Hawk as UPP.
- Up to four credits of physical education activity courses will count toward graduation. The PE Varsity Sports Courses will be evaluated as activity courses for the purpose of graduation if taken before spring 2021.
- Up to twelve credits of applied music lessons will count toward graduation.
- Up to four credits of music ensembles will count toward graduation.
- Course that meet’s BHC’s Non-Western Studies requirement if not taken within the GECC.

Course	Hrs	Course	Hrs	Course	Hrs

Communication, English, Reading and Math courses commonly used as pre-requisites.

The courses on the next page may be required pre-requisites for college-level courses. Before enrolling in any of these courses, contact an advisor who will review student assessment scores (Accuplacer, ALEKS PPL, SAT, or ACT), Advanced Placement (AP) scores, dual credit courses taken in high school, or GED, college and high school transcripts to determine course eligibility. *Courses numbered below 100 do not fulfill graduation requirements and do not transfer.*

Course (credit hours)

<p>COMM 105 Essentials of English (3) reviews grammar, punctuation, usage, sentence structure and organizational principles</p> <p>ENG 031 Reading and Writing Essentials (3) skills necessary for academic reading and writing; focus on academic writing and critical reasoning skills, grammar fundamentals, and MLA documentation</p> <p>ENG 051 Corequisite for Comp I (1) a corequisite support course for Composition I; concurrent enrollment in ENG 101C required</p> <p>ENG 101 Composition I (3) first of two courses in the one-year general education composition sequence</p> <p>REA 103 Advanced Academic Reading (3) reading skills necessary for success in college-level textbooks and related reading</p> <p>MATH 060 Corequisite for Statistics (1) a corequisite support course for Statistics for General Ed; concurrent enrollment in MATH 108C required</p>	<p>MATH 061 Corequisite for General Math (1) a corequisite support course for Math for General Education; concurrent enrollment in MATH 110C required</p> <p>MATH 062 Coreq. for College Algebra (1) a corequisite support course for College Algebra; concurrent enrollment in MATH 112C required</p> <p>MATH 070 Topics in Developmental Math (1.5) structured remediation to review arithmetic through algebra topics with intent of placing into a higher level of math and ideally a college level math course</p> <p>MATH 078 Pre-Algebra (3) review of the basic operations of arithmetic and an introduction to algebra</p> <p>MATH 081 Basic Algebra (3) introductory algebra</p> <p>MATH 091 Intermediate Algebra (4) extension of basic algebra</p>
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Planning Chart

Notes

Fall	Spring	Summer	Yr.	Hrs.	Fall	Spring	Summer	Yr.	Hrs.
Fall	Spring	Summer		Hrs.	Fall	Spring	Summer		Hrs.