

**Updated information for students planning to transfer to
St. Ambrose University.**

Incorporate these changes while using the transfer guide that follows.

Students transferring in fall 2026 or later will no longer need to meet St. Ambrose graduation requirements for a second language, and in health and fitness. SAU is ending these two requirements effective fall 2026.

Black Hawk courses affected may include HEAL 102, HEAL 200, PE 125, SPAN 101, and SPAN 102. While these courses are still transferrable to SAU, and may be needed for certain majors, they are not needed to meet general education requirements starting fall 2026.

Students are advised to contact their [BHC advisor](#) or SAU to assist with any adjustments to transfer planning. The SAU Admissions representative to BHC is

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PROGRAM TRANSFER GUIDE Criminal Justice



Associate in Arts to Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

This guide between Black Hawk College (BHC) and St. Ambrose University (SAU) intends to create a smooth and seamless curriculum transition for students who earn the Associate in Arts (AA) degree at BHC to transfer into the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice at SAU. This guide incorporates the [Articulation Agreement between BHC and SAU](#) dated December 13, 2013, the 2022-2023 BHC catalog and the 2021-2023 SAU catalog.

This guide may also be used as a foundation for the Master of Science in Criminal Justice at St. Ambrose. Students may apply to the [BA/Master of Science in Criminal Justice 4 + 1 program](#) the semester prior to transferring to SAU.

Degree Availability	AA offered on campus or online. BA offered on campus.
GPA Requirements	Graduation from BHC 2.00 Admission to SAU 2.00 . Admission to SAU Criminal Justice Major 2.00
Grade Requirements	SAU will grant transfer credit for college-level work in all areas that correspond to courses offered at SAU if a grade of a "C" or better is earned.
General Education	The AA degree satisfies SAU's lower division general education requirements except for the Health and Fitness, and Second Language categories.
Credit Hours	<u>BHC credits on this guide: 63. SAU credits on this guide: 62.</u> ✓ A minimum of 60 credits is required to complete the AA degree. ✓ A minimum of 120 combined credits from BHC and SAU are required to complete the BA in Criminal Justice. ✓ A maximum of 64 community college credits may be applied toward the BA.

Other Requirements and Recommendations

- ✓ For BHC
 - Grades of "C" or better are required for ENG 101 and ENG 102.
 - One science course must be 4 credits minimum to include a lab.
 - Completion of one Non-Western studies course is required. Course options are available as an IAI Humanities, Fine Arts, or Social and Behavioral Science course. Consult a BHC Advisor for course options.
 - A second language is required by SAU for the bachelor degree. SAU recommends completing this requirement prior to transfer. Students can complete three years of the same second language in high school, or the same second language in college (or demonstrated proficiency) through the 102-level. *Students who already meet the second language requirement may substitute courses in the AA degree with these recommended BHC courses: a computer science course such as CS 100, CS 105, CIP 101, BE 146; HEAL 102; or a CRJU course except CRJU 295.*

- ✓ For SAU
 - Complete a minimum of 30 credits at the 300/400 level.
 - Complete at least two writing intensive (WI) courses with a grade of “C” or better, with one taken at the 300/400 level.
 - The final 30 credits applied to the degree, or 45 of the last 60 credits, must be earned at SAU to meet the residency requirement.
 - SAU requires a Health and Fitness course which may be fulfilled at BHC with HEAL 102 (3 credits) or at SAU with KIN 149 (1 credit).
- ✓ View the [St. Ambrose Transfer Facts](#) for additional transfer information.

The following BHC course sequence may be modified to accommodate part-time students, or starting in a spring or summer semester. Selected BHC courses may also be offered in the summer or during the minimester.

BHC Courses & Credit Hours			Transfers to SAU as
Semester 1			
ENG 101	Composition I <i>A grade of 'C' or better is required</i>	3	English elective
SOC 101	Principles of Sociology	3	SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology
MATH 108	Statistics for General Ed	3	STAT 213 Applied Statistical Reasoning for the Sciences
	IAI Life Science	3-4	General Education
CRJU 151	Criminal Justice System	3	CRJU 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice
Semester total		15-16	
Semester 2			
ENG 102	Composition II <i>A grade of 'C' or better is required</i>	3	ENGL 101 English Composition
POLS 122	American National Government	3	PSCF 101 American Government
	IAI Physical Science	3-4	General Education
CRJU 104	Police Administration	3	CRJU Elective
CRJU 152	Criminology	3	SOC 235 Deviant Behavior
Semester total		15-16	
Semester 3			
SPEC 101	Principles of Speech	3	COMM 129 Principles of Public Speaking
	IAI Humanities. <i>HIST 222 Comparative Religions, or PHIL course recommended as the pre-req. for SAU upper division THEO or PHIL course</i>	3	THEO 250 Introduction to Comparative Religions, or various Philosophy courses. Satisfies General Education
CRJU 254	Criminal Investigation I	3	CRJU 342 Criminal Evidence and Investigation <i>lower division credit</i>
CRJU 255	Criminal Law	3	CRJU 221 Criminal Law and Procedure
SPAN 101	Elementary Spanish I	4	General Education
Semester total		16	

Semester 4			
	IAI Fine Arts	3	General Education
CRJU 153	Survey of Corrections	3	CRJU 231 Contemporary Corrections
SOC 250	Social Inequality	3	SOC 340 Race and Ethnicity <i>lower division credit</i>
	IAI Humanities or IAI Fine Arts	3	General Education
SPAN 102	Elementary Spanish II	4	General Education
Semester total		16	

Complete the following courses after transfer to SAU

Semester 5	Semester 6	Semester 7	Semester 8
KIN 149 Wellness Concepts (1)	Philosophy general education (3)**	Theology general education (3)**	CRJU 314 Probation, Parole, and Community Corrections (3)
CRJU 200 Research Methods in Sociology and Criminal Justice (3)	CRJU 303 Police, Problems, and Practices (3)	WI CRJU 407 Seminar in Criminal Justice (3) <i>writing intensive requirement</i>	Minor/Double Major (12)
CRJU 311 The Constitution and Criminal Justice (3)	WI-CRJU 400 Criminological Theory (3) <i>writing intensive requirement</i>	CRJU 316 Juvenile Justice (3)	
University Elective, or take MSCJ 680 Thinking Critically About Criminal Justice (3)*	CRJU 430 Data Analysis in Social Research (4)	Minor/Double Major (6)	
Minor/Double Major (6)	Minor/Double Major (3)		
Semester total (16)	Semester total (16)	Semester total (15)	Semester total (15)
* Prior to transfer, students may request to pursue the BA/Master of Science in Criminal Justice 4 + 1 program; MSCJ 680 is the first course. ** one course must be upper division.			

For questions about this guide and to apply, please contact:

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