



PLANNING GUIDE



St. Ambrose University General Education Requirements

This guide is intended for Black Hawk College (BHC) students who plan to transfer to St. Ambrose University (SAU) prior to earning the Associate in Arts (AA) or the Associate in Science (AS) degree. Students should select courses at BHC based on SAU's general education requirements and the requirements for their chosen SAU major. Student transcripts will be evaluated by SAU on a course-by-course basis.

1. A maximum of 64 community college credits will be applied toward the minimum of 120 credits required for a bachelor degree at SAU. SAU's residency requirement is "the last 30 hours or 45 out of the last 60 credits to be taken at SAU".
2. Credit for college level work is granted in all areas that correspond to courses offered at SAU with a grade of "C" or better.
3. Courses completed with grades of "C-" or below will only be accepted if the student has earned a baccalaureate oriented associate degree. Students participating in the Guaranteed Admission Program must have "C's" on all college-level work even if completing the associate degree.
4. Pass grades are not accepted unless evidence can be provided that the grade would have been a "C" or better. Students who opted for a P (Pass) grade on BHC courses during COVID-19 may request documentation from BHC showing that a P = C or better.
5. The SAU cumulative GPA is based solely on course work taken at SAU.
6. CLEP and Advanced Placement (AP) credit are subject to review by SAU on an individual basis. Send exam scores to SAU.
7. BHC students may apply to the SAU [Dual Admission Program](#) and the [Guaranteed Admission Program](#).

SAU GENERAL EDUCATION CATEGORY	Minimum SAU Sem. Hours	BHC COURSE EQUIVALENT
Oral Communication	3	One of SPEC 101, 114, or 210. Both schools require a "C" or better.
Written Communication	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ENG 102 (transfers to SAU as ENGL 101 English Composition). <i>The pre-requisite for ENG 102 is ENG 101 (ENG 101 transfers to SAU as an English Elective).</i> Both schools require a "C" or better in all English courses; or• By earning three semester credits in English Composition through the "College Composition" CLEP test.
Research	1	Take SAU's IL 101: Information Literacy after transfer.

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Quantitative Reasoning & Information Technology Skills	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CS 105, NETW 145, MATH 100 and 200; or MATH 108, 108C, 110, 110C, 118, 124, 131, 132, 161, 225, 226, 228, 230, 235. Consult SAU's majors to select the appropriate course; or • By earning college-level math credit through CLEP or AP tests; or • Through high school coursework and math ACT scores as approved by the SAU Mathematics department.
Health and Fitness NOTE: Beginning Fall 2026, this requirement will end.	2 min.	<p>One course in each of A) and B):</p> <p>A) HEAL 102 Foundations of Wellness (3 credits); or may take KIN 149 Wellness Concepts (1 credit) at SAU after transfer.</p> <p>B) PE 125 (1 credit) or HEAL 200 First Aid (1-3 credits) or EMS 100 EMT-Basic (8 credits); or may take an activity course (credits vary) or KIN 206 First Aid (2 credits) or KIN 262: Varsity Sport (credits vary) at SAU after transfer.</p>
Second Language NOTE: Beginning Fall 2026, this requirement will end.	6 min.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three years or more of the <u>same</u> language in high school; or • The <u>same</u> language through the equivalent of 102-level (first year, second semester) at the college level; or • Earn a minimum of 6 credit hours in a foreign language CLEP test. • See the SAU catalog for additional way to satisfy this requirement through testing such as AP, SAT, etc. <p><i>NOTE: if transferring to a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree – 3 credits only. Follow the options above except at college-level only one course is required.</i></p> <p><i>Alternatively, BBA students may choose to take one multicultural course.</i></p>
Humanities	6	<p>One course from each group. Courses must be from two different departments:</p> <p><u>Historical / Cultural</u> ANTH – 285 (& cross listed as PSYC 285) ART -- 100, 281, 282, 285, 286 HIST -- 105, 106, 125, 127, 141, 142, 151, 190, 205, 254, 265 HUM – 101 SPEC – 175</p> <p><u>Literature / Film</u> ENG -- 190, 205, 206, 207, 210, 214, 217, 218, 219, 221 HUM – 102 MUSC -- 154, 158 THEA -- 111 TV – 212</p>

SAU GENERAL EDUCATION CATEGORY	MINIMUM SAU SEM. HOURS	BHC COURSE EQUIVALENT
Creative Arts	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A series of 1-2 credits of applied music totaling 3 credits: the <u>same</u> musical instrument: MUSC 100 or 200; or • the <u>same</u> musical ensemble: MUSC 101, 102, 103, 106, 108, 109, 206, 209; or • One of: ART -- 101, 111, 121, 122, 201, 212, 215, 217, 221, 232
Social Science	3	<p>One of:</p> <p>ANTH -- 100, 101, 102, 103</p> <p>CRJU -- 151</p> <p>ECE 200</p> <p>ECON -- 221, 222</p> <p>IS -- 200</p> <p>POLS -- 122, 200</p> <p>PSYC -- 101, 200, 262</p> <p>SOC -- 101, 102, 251, 261</p>
Natural Science	3	<p>One of:</p> <p>ASTR -- 101, 102</p> <p>BIOL -- 100, 101, 105, 190, 200, 201, 250, or <u>250 and 251</u></p> <p>CHEM -- 101, 110</p> <p>NSCI -- 101, 102</p> <p>PHYS -- 101, 102, 110, 140, 201</p> <p>PS -- 101, 205</p>
Catholic Intellectual Tradition	6 + 6 after transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Philosophy course: PHIL 100, 101, 103, 205, 206; and • One Theology course: HIST 222 • Complete two additional approved courses in Philosophy or Theology with at least one course taken at the 300 level. Effective fall 2026, the 300-level will include an Integrative Faith and Reason course which must be completed at SAU.

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