

**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
Psychology B.A.
Forensic Psychology B.A.



Associate in Arts to Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Associate in Arts to Bachelor of Arts in Forensic Psychology
with Concentrations in Adult or Child Services

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 Psychology or Bachelor of Arts in Forensic Psychology at SAU. Concentrations in Adult Services or Child Services are incorporated in the Forensic Psychology BA degree. This guide incorporates the [Articulation Agreement between BHC and SAU](#) dated December 13, 2013, the 2021-2022 BHC catalog, and the 2021-2023 SAU catalog.

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 Psychology Majors 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: 60-61. SAU credits on this guide: 59-61.</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 Psychology or Forensic Psychology. ✓ 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 choose elective courses in the AA degree (confirm transferability with an advisor.)*

- ✓ 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. This plan assumes that students are academically eligible for all Semester 1 courses.

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
BIOL 100 or BIOL 101	Introduction to Biology, or General Human Biology	4	BIOL 101 Principles of Biology
MATH 108	Statistics for General Ed	3	STAT 213 Applied Statistical Reasoning for the Sciences
PSYC 101	Intro to Psychology	3	PSYC 105 Introduction to Psychology
	IAI Humanities. HIST 222 Comparative Religions, or PHIL course recommended as the pre-req. for SAU upper division THEO or PHIL course	3	General Education. THEO 250 Introduction to Comparative Religions, or various Philosophy courses.
Semester total		16	
Semester 2			
ENG 102	Composition II <i>A grade of 'C' or better is required</i>	3	ENGL 101 English Composition
CHEM 110 or CHEM 101	Introduction to Chemistry, or General Chemistry I	4	CHEM 103 Principles of Chemistry, or CHEM 105 General Chemistry I
	IAI Social & Behavioral Science. Forensic Psychology take POLS 122 American National Government (BHC required pre-req. for CRJU 255)	3	General Education. PSCI 101 American Government
	IAI Fine Arts	3	General Education
	Elective. Forensic Psychology take CRJU 151 Criminal Justice System	3	Varies. CRJU 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice
Semester total		16	

Semester 3			
SPEC 101	Principles of Speech	3	COMM 129 Principles of Public Speaking
PSYC 250	Abnormal Psychology	3	PSYC 324 Abnormal Psychology – <i>lower division. PSYC Category Two course</i>
PSYC 200 or PSYC 230	Human Growth & Development, or Social Psychology Forensic Psychology take PSYC 230	3	PSYC 212 Life-Span Developmental Psychology, or PSYC 306 Social Psychology – <i>lower division. PSYC Category One course</i>
	Elective. Forensic Psychology take CRJU 255 Criminal Law	3	Varies. CRJU 221 Criminal Law & Procedure
	SPAN 101 Elementary Spanish I (4) or elective	3 min.	SPAN 101 Elementary Spanish I or elective
Semester total		15-16	

Semester 4			
	IAI Humanities or IAI Fine Arts	3	General Education
SOC 101	Principles of Sociology	3	SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology
HEAL 102	Foundations of Wellness	3	KIN 149 Wellness Concepts
	SPAN 102 Elementary Spanish II (4) or elective	4 min.	SPAN 102 Elementary Spanish II or elective
Semester total		13	

Complete the following courses after transfer to SAU

Psychology BA	Forensic Psych. BA - Adult Services	Forensic Psych. BA - Child Services
Philosophy general education (3)*	Philosophy general education (3)*	Philosophy general education (3)*
Theology general education (3)*	Theology general education (3)*	Theology general education (3)*
PSYC 215 Research Methods (3)	PSYC 215 Research Methods (3)	PSYC 215 Research Methods (3)
PSYC 255 Brain & Behavior (3) <i>'C' or better grade required</i>	PSYC 321 Psychology and Law (3)	PSYC 321 Psychology and Law (3)
PSYC Category Three course (3) <i>upper division</i>	PSYC 325 Psychology of Criminal Behavior (3)	PSYC 325 Psychology of Criminal Behavior (3)
PSYC Category Four course (3) <i>upper division</i>	PSYC 328 Psychology & Treatment of Trauma & the Victim (3)	PSYC 328 Psychology & Treatment of Trauma & the Victim (3)
PSYC 3XX Psychology Elective in career interest area (3)	SOC 342 Drugs & Society (3)	SOC 342 Drugs & Society (3)
PSYC 4XX Psychology Capstone course (4)	CRJU 231 Contemporary Corrections (3)	PSYC 326 Abnormal Child & Adolescent Psychology (3)
PSYC MFT Psychology Major Field Test (0)	CRJU 313 Offender Treatment & Theories (3)	PSYC 327 Psychology & Treatment of the Juvenile Offender (3)
PSYC 3XX-WI Writing Intensive Psychology course (3)	CRJU 314 Probation, Parole & Community Corrections (3)	PSYC 384 Advanced Child & Adolescent Psychology (3)
Psychology BA	Forensic Psych. BA - Adult Services	Forensic Psych. BA - Child Services
WI-Writing Intensive course <i>Any department</i> (3)	PSYC 421 Internship in Forensic Psychology (4-6)	CRJU 316 Juvenile Justice (3)

University Electives 300/400-level <i>may be used toward minor</i> (13)	PSYC MFT Psychology Major Field Test (0)	PSYC 421 Internship in Forensic Psychology (4-6)
University Electives (15)	PSYC 342-WI Theories of Counseling (3)	PSYC MFT Psychology Major Field Test (0)
	CRJU 400-WI Criminological Theory (3)	PSYC 342-WI Theories of Counseling (3)
	University Electives (17-19)	CRJU 400-WI Criminological Theory (3)
		University Electives (14-16)
Total SAU credits (59)	Total SAU credits (59-61)	Total SAU credits (59-61)
*one course must be upper division.		

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

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