

TRANSFER POINTERS . . . plan your transfer to



The Black Hawk College Scholarship

St. Ambrose established this scholarship for up to \$20,000 of aid directly from the university. The scholarship closes the gap between other scholarships that SAU automatically awards. This award is for students transferring directly from Black Hawk College to SAU. It's renewable for up to two years for undergraduate work. Black Hawk students must transfer with a minimum 2.0 GPA, attend SAU full time, and be enrolled in an SAU major that is not considered to be an online program (though occasional online courses are allowed).

Admission

Visit the [St. Ambrose Transfer Admissions](#) website for admission criteria and application process.

Acceptance of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees

Students who earn the Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) degree at Black Hawk College will satisfy SAU's lower division general education requirements except the Health and Fitness and Second Language requirements. HEAL 102 and second language courses to the 102-level may be taken before transfer as electives in the either degree.

Beginning Fall 2026, students transferring with an AA or AS degree will have all general education requirements met, with the exception of a 300-level Integrative Faith and Reason course, which must be completed at SAU. Requirements for Health and Fitness, and Second Language, will end.

Within the AA or AS degree, it is recommended students also complete at least one of PHIL 100, PHIL 101, PHIL 103, PHIL 205, PHIL 206, or HIST 222 to satisfy the pre-requisite for an upper division Integrative Faith and Reason course at SAU.

Acceptance of Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses

If a student is pursuing a BA or BS degree, a maximum of 16 semester hours of credit will be awarded for technical/vocational electives. However, SAU and BLACK HAWK maintain several Transfer Planning Guides toward majors that accept more than 16 CTE credits.

Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI)

St. Ambrose does not participate in IAI; however, the majority of BLACK HAWK's IAI courses receive credit. Consult with your BLACK HAWK and SAU advisors and use [Transferology](#) to explore course transferability.

Credits and Residency

Minimum Credit Hours to Apply as a Transfer Student
Twelve.

Maximum transfer credits accepted from community colleges

- From an AA or AS degree – up to 64 semester hours and you will be given Junior status. You are still required to meet degree and residency requirements.
- The Bachelor of Business Administration in Management (BBA Management) / AAS Track is for students with an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree and is designed to build on a two-year AAS degree. SAU will accept 60 credits for the AAS degree toward the BBA Management degree. Students with an AAS degree will have already completed a specialized technical, vocational, or professional study program and complete their baccalaureate education by completing the University's General Education program and the Common Business Core with the College of Business.
- From a certificate – 8 semester hours of credit will be awarded for technical/vocational electives.

Residency

The final 30 semester credits or 45 of the last 60 semester credits are to be earned at SAU.

Minimum upper division credits (300- level or above) required to graduate

Thirty. NOTE: Courses that transfer as a 300-level course from two-year institutions may be used to fulfill major requirements but will not count in the 300-level requirements.

Taking BLACK HAWK courses after transfer

May take courses at a two-year college regardless of academic standing, e.g. a senior may take a lower division course at a community college.

Grades

Credit for college-level work is granted in all areas that correspond to courses offered at St. Ambrose University with a grade of a "C" or better. Courses completed with grades of "C minus" 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.

The SAU cumulative GPA is based solely on course work taken at St. Ambrose University.

Second Language

For admission:

None.

For graduation:

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees must complete either three years of the same second language in high school, or a second language in college through the equivalent of the 102-level (first year, second semester). St. Ambrose recommends completing the second language before transferring.

Beginning fall 2026, no second language is required.

Good to know

Black Hawk prepares this Transfer Pointers document as a service to students. The information is subject to change by the transfer school. Students should work with their Black Hawk advisor and the transfer school to stay informed. Students are responsible for confirming transfer school requirements and policies.

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