

TRANSFER POINTERS ... plan your transfer to

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Are you transferring early to Iowa State? Complete your BHC degree by Reverse Transfer.

Students who've earned at least 30 college credits from Black Hawk can opt-in to reverse transfer ISU credits back to BHC. Students indicate their interest by answering the Reverse Credit Transfer question on their Iowa State admissions application. By completing the information on the application, the student gives the ISU Office of the Registrar permission to send their transcript (at no cost to the student) to BHC. Black Hawk will then evaluate the ISU coursework to determine if BHC graduation requirements are satisfied.

Admission

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

Acceptance of AA and/or AS degree

Successful completion of an Associate of Arts (AA) degree at any Iowa, Illinois, or Minnesota Community College allows students to transfer with junior level status, having met all first-year and sophomore level general education requirements for programs in the Iowa State University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences* and the Ivy College of Business**. With the variation of AA requirements across the United States, careful planning with an academic advisor is strongly recommended in order to fulfill requirements.

*[Liberal Arts and Sciences](#) programs will require specific numbers of credits in humanities and in natural sciences (work with your ISU admissions counselor for details).

**[Ivy College of Business](#) programs will require credits in ethics and in global perspectives (work with your ISU admissions counselor for details).

Acceptance of Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses

A maximum of sixteen (16) semester hours of career/technical credit can be transferred to Iowa State. Grades from these courses are not included in the transfer GPA.

Credits and Residency

Minimum Credit Hours to Apply as a Transfer Student	24, although may transfer with fewer than 24 college credits by meeting the first-year student admission requirements and have a 2.25 transfer GPA in college courses attempted.
Maximum transfer credits accepted from community colleges	65

Maximum transfer credits accepted from 4-year institutions	No limit, but the last 32 semester credits must be completed at Iowa State University
Residency	32
Minimum upper division credits (300- and 400-level courses) required to graduate	Contact ISU
Minimum upper division credits required to be taken with the transfer school	Contact ISU
Taking BHC courses after transfer	Contact an ISU advisor, and BHC Advising at ADVQC@bhc.edu

Grades

As a general rule, college-level courses with a passing grade are acceptable for transfer. Some departments may require at least a "C" grade for a specific course to be applied to the degree program. Courses that need to be retaken for a higher grade may be taken either at BHC or ISU.

Second Language

For admission: None

For graduation: the world language requirements by academic college

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	Complete three or more years of a single world language in high school or complete the second semester of a college-level world language course. Students transferring with an AA degree are <u>not</u> exempt from this requirement.
College of Engineering	Complete two years of a single world language in high school, or two college-level semesters of a single world language.

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

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