



Transfer Planning Guide

St. Ambrose University

Elementary Education, B.A. degree

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TRANSFER FACTS

- All students, regardless of major, who have successfully earned an Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) degree and attained an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4-point scale, will be admitted to SAU with junior status. All students seeking admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) must first apply and be accepted to SAU before applying to the TEP.
- Students transferring prior to completion of the AA or AS degree should also reference SAU's general education requirements or consider transferring credits back to Black Hawk to earn the AA or AS degree after transfer.
- Candidates who major in Elementary Education at SAU will be prepared to acquire an Iowa elementary education endorsement to be licensed to teach children in grades K-8. An approved area of concentration must be earned in one of the following areas: math, science, social studies, history, English/language arts, foreign language (French, German, Spanish), pre-kindergarten - kindergarten, reading, or special education. Candidates who plan to teach in a state other than Iowa should consult the TEP concerning certification requirements.
- For the TEP, a minimum GPA of 3.0 is required cumulatively, 3.0 for all education core courses, and 3.0 for major/endorsement courses. Grades of "D" or "F" are not accepted.
 - Teacher education has a number of additional requirements that are enumerated by entrance year into the TEP, including minimum ACT scores. See [SAU's TEP Admission Requirements](#).
 - Before gaining full admission to the St. Ambrose TEP, students must pass the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Exam. See www.ets.org/praxis. Test scores need to be available by mid-July for students entering in fall and by mid-November for students entering in spring.
 - Before gaining full admission to the St. Ambrose TEP, students must also **complete 50 field hours of participation on-site at an approved local school as part of a transcribed class**. Field experience must be recent and it must be related to the area in which a student seeks licensure. Students should consult with SAU early in their college course work on completing the participation and documentation required via EDUC 207 prior to entering the education major. Alternatively, students may take SAU's EDUC 205 to complete the field experience (course pre-requisite of 2.7 GPA)
 - Students may be admitted into TEP in the fall or spring semester.
- CLEP and AP credit are subject to review for credit at SAU on an individual basis. Students should send official scores to SAU.
- A maximum of 64 community college credits could be applied toward the minimum of 120 credits required for SAU graduation. More than 120 credits, and more than 4 semesters after transfer, may be required to meet TEP graduation requirements and/or endorsement requirements.

SUGGESTED COURSES – Elementary Education majors should include the following courses in the AA.

Notes	BHC Courses	SH	SAU Equivalent
	ENG 101	3	ENGL EL
	ENG 102	3	ENGL 101
	SPEC 101	3	COMM 129
1	MATH 210	4	MATH 210
	HIST 105 or HIST 106	3	HIST 201 or 202
	POLS 122	3	PSCI 101
2	PSYC 262 (spring only)	3	EDUC 284
	ASTR 101; CHEM 101 or CHEM 110; PHYS 101 or PS 101; GEOG 101 or GEOG 102	4	ASTR 102; CHEM 105 or CHEM 103; PHYS 203 or NSCI 105; GEOG 201
	BIOL 100 or BIOL 101	4	BIOL 101
	ENG 240	3	EDUC 369 (lower division credit)
3	Foreign Language	0-8	Foreign Language-General Education Requirement

4	PHIL 100, 101, 103, 205, or 206; HIST 222	3-6	Philosophy/Theology Requirement
	PE 260	3	KIN 302 (lower division credit)
	HEAL 102	2-3	KIN 149 (1 credit hour at SAU)
5	EDUC 210 (if completed by spring 2017)	2	SPED 310 (lower division credit)
6	Approved Courses for Endorsement	see note	Consult an SAU advisor

Minimum total hours required for associates degree – 64

See degree requirements at [Transfer Programs](#)

NOTES:

Students' assessment scores might indicate the necessity of prerequisite English, math or reading courses in addition to the courses suggested in this sequence.

1. Effective fall 2016 and later: Enroll in MATH 210. MATH 210 has a pre-requisite of MATH 112 College Algebra which may be used as an elective in the AA or AS. For both the AA and AS degrees, consult an advisor about selecting an additional math course to fulfill BHC's general education core requirement.
2. PSYC 262 has a prerequisite of PSYC 101 with a grade of "C" or better.
3. Foreign Language, SAU graduation requirement: SAU requires three years of the same foreign language in high school, or the same foreign language in college through the equivalent of the 102-level (first year, second semester). Sign language may meet this requirement. Foreign language at the 202 level or above will meet a humanities requirement at Black Hawk College.
4. Students are strongly encouraged to complete at least one Philosophy course prior to transferring to SAU. Students who earn the AA or AS degree at BHC will only need to complete 6 hours of Philosophy/Theology after transfer. An introductory philosophy course is recommended to meet a humanities requirement at BHC, as well as a prerequisite for an upper level philosophy or theology course at SAU. Students not earning the AA or AS degree may meet up to six hours of the twelve hour Philosophy/Theology requirement prior to transfer by completing one Philosophy course and HIST 222 at BHC.
5. Students completing EDUC 210 The Exceptional Child with a C or better by spring 2017 may transfer the course to St. Ambrose as SPED 310 Inclusion Strategies for Students with Special Needs. Starting summer 2017, students who have not completed EDUC 210 will need to take SPED 310 at St. Ambrose; EDUC 210 will transfer as an elective..
6. An approved endorsement is required for all elementary education majors at SAU. Recommended BHC courses for approved endorsements are listed below with the exception of pre-kindergarten-kindergarten, ESL/ELL, reading, and special education. All courses for those endorsements will be completed at SAU. Additional course requirements for the endorsements listed below will also be met at SAU.

When possible, courses selected to meet general education requirements should overlap with the endorsement requirement. Students should not exceed the minimum number of 27 required elective hours at BHC.

English/Language Arts: ENG 213 or 214; THEA 210; and one literature course selected from ENG 190, 206, 208, 210, 215, 216, 218, or 219.

Mathematics: MATH 124, 161, 210, and 225.

Science: 12 hours of physical science may include: PS 101 and CHEM 101 or CHEM 110; 6 hours of biology may include: BIOL 100, 101, 105, 106, 200 or 201; 6 hours of earth/space science may include: ASTR 101 and GEOG 101.

Foreign Language: FREN, GERM or SPAN 201 and 202.

Social Science-Social Studies: ECON 221 or 222; HIST 105 or 106; HIST 125 or 127; POLS 122; PSYC 101; SOC 101; or GEOG 105.

Social Science-History: HIST 105 and 106; HIST 125 and/or 127.

This guide is not intended to be a contract with SAU. The information on this guide is subject to change; students are advised to contact SAU to keep informed of changes. Final responsibility for verifying all transfer information lies with the student.

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