



Sample Transfer
Pathway

Area of Focus: *Music /Performance or Education*

Associate in Arts (AA) transfer degree

Music courses are offered at the Quad Cities campus only

This Sample Transfer Pathway is for students intending to major in Music (Performance or Education) after transfer, but who have not selected a transfer institution. Students who have a specific transfer school in mind should not use this guide, but instead seek advising from BHC and the transfer school to ensure the transfer institution's requirements are met.

Four-year degree programs in Music are complex and highly structured, making careful preparation and course selection in the first two years essential. Students are urged to closely follow the recommendations below, and consult often with music faculty or an advisor. Prospective students are strongly encouraged to speak with music faculty before enrolling in music studies. Most transfer institution music programs will require an audition and placement exam in theory to be accepted.

General Education Recommendations:		minimum 37 credits
This section includes the complete Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC) , which is a statewide transfer agreement, valid at more than 100 participating colleges or universities in Illinois.		
Communication (9 credits) – all courses required ENG 101 Composition I (3) – grade 'C' or better required ENG 102 Composition II (3) – grade 'C' or better required SPEC 101 Principles of Speech Communication (3)	Social & Behavioral Sciences (9 credits) <i>Must include courses from two disciplines</i> Choose three IAI: S courses (3 each)	
Humanities & Fine Arts (9 credits) MUSC 113 – Exploring Music Lit (3) <i>see instructor for waiver; not an IAI course</i> Humanities - choose one IAI: H or HF course (3) Fine Arts - choose one IAI: F or HF course (3)	Mathematics (3 credits) Choose one IAI: M course (3 min.)	
Physical & Life Sciences (7 credits min. - include one lab) Life Science – choose one IAI: L course (3 min.) Physical Science – choose one IAI: P course (3 min.)	-or- NSCI 101 – Environmental Science I (3) and NSCI 102 – Environmental Science II (4)	
Elective Recommendations:		up to 27 credits
This section includes courses appropriate for this area of focus. Because transfer institutions vary in their acceptance of coursework, check course transferability with Transfer Equivalencies , Transferology , or an advisor. IAI courses are identified with an asterisk *.		
Seek advising about other elective courses that may support your reasons for choosing this area of focus.		
Music Electives MUSC 110 Fundamentals of Music (2) – <i>fall and spring</i> MUSC 111 Theory of Music I (4) – <i>fall only</i> MUSC 112 Theory of Music II (4) – <i>spring only</i> MUSC 211 Theory of Music III (4) – <i>fall only</i> MUSC 212 Theory of Music IV (4) – <i>spring only</i> MUSC 114 Class Piano I (1) – <i>fall only, not for piano majors</i> MUSC 116 Class Piano II (1) – <i>spring only, not for piano majors</i> MUSC 216 Class Piano III (1) – <i>fall only, not for piano majors</i> MUSC 217 Class Piano IV (1) – <i>spring only, not for piano majors</i> MUSC 118 Elements of Conducting (2) Music students will be involved in Music Ensemble(s) each semester MUSC 101 Instrumental Ensemble (1) - <i>Community Band or Community Orchestra</i> MUSC 102 Jazz Ensemble (2) – <i>Combos (take both sections concurrently)</i> MUSC 107 Concert Choir (1) – <i>Accompanied; non-auditioned</i> MUSC 109 Chamber Singers (1) - <i>A cappella; auditioned</i>	Students will take private Applied Major Lesson in an area of primary focus each semester MUSC 125, 225 Voice (1-2) MUSC 127, 227 Piano (1-2) MUSC 129, 229 Organ (1-2) MUSC 131, 231 Brass Instrument (1-2) MUSC 133, 233 Woodwind Instrument (1-2) MUSC 135, 235 String Instrument (1-2) MUSC 137, 237 Percussion Instrument (1-2) Students may also choose additional private Applied Elective Lesson(s) each semester MUSC 121, 221 Elementary Voice (1) MUSC 123, 223 Elementary Piano (1) MUSC 129, 229 Organ (1) MUSC 141, 241 Elementary Brass Instrument (1) MUSC 143, 243 Elementary Woodwind Instrument (1) MUSC 145, 245 Elementary String Instrument (1) MUSC 147, 247 Elementary Percussion Instrument (1)	
Foreign Language: Consider the foreign language admissions and/or graduation requirements of potential transfer schools, which may be satisfied with high school and or/college courses. Consult an advisor.		
64 total credits required for AA degree (General Education + Electives)		

Non-Western studies graduation requirement. To graduate with the AA degree, include at least one non-western studies course. The course can simultaneously fulfill a general education requirement in humanities, fine arts, or social and behavioral science, or be taken as an elective. Choose from ANTH 102; ART 285 or 286; ENG 217, 218, or 219; GEOG 105 (see advisor); HIST 222, 141, 142, or 151; IS 220 (see advisor); or MUSC 158.

Students pursuing Music will often complete more than the 64 required credits for graduation due to the many elective options. A maximum of 8 credits of ensembles and a maximum of 12 credits of Applied Lessons can count toward graduation.

Course Transferability

- Course and transfer requirements can vary among institutions and may differ from the recommendations on this guide. Grades of 'C' or better may be required for a course to transfer, especially courses intended for the major.
- **Students are advised to select a transfer school as soon as possible, typically before completing 30 college-level credits.**

Where to transfer?		
To research transfer colleges and universities, visit the following links		
BHC Transfer Guides and Agreements www.bhc.edu/successfultransfer	Illinois institutional profiles http://ibheprofiles.ibhe.org/	College Navigator https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/

Degree Timeframe:

- Students who complete an average of 16 college-level credits in four consecutive fall and spring semesters could complete the AA degree in two years.
- Students determine their own pace and progress and should consider their work and personal commitments, course difficulty, course pre-requisites, and possible need for additional courses determined by placement assessments.
- Advisors are available to discuss credit load and schedules appropriate for student goals and circumstances.
- BHC offers a selection of courses in the summer term and during the December/January minimester.

Advising Notes:

- See the current [BHC Catalog](#) for all IAI courses (GECC and Majors codes), course descriptions, pre-requisite information, and complete graduation requirements to earn the AA degree. The area of focus is not stated on student transcripts.
- See the [AA Degree Planning Worksheet](#) for a list of IAI GECC courses, or consult the "Associate in Arts" degree in Degree Audit on myBlackHawk (student tab).
- **This guide is not a substitute for advising.** All students are encouraged to seek advising each semester. Note that advising is required prior to registering for students who have earned **fewer than 30 college-level credits**.

Semester	Meet with BHC advisor	Registration begins
Summer and Fall	February or March	1 st Tuesday in April
Spring and minimester	September or October	1 st Tuesday in November

BHC Contacts		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The music program offers Achievement Awards (varying levels of credit) to both music and non-music majors. Students must complete the application and audition before the full-time faculty in March, May or July of each year. Contact music faculty for information. • Students are also encouraged to apply for the BHC Foundation Scholarships as there are several music scholarships, and recipients will be selected by the music faculty. The application deadline each year is May 1st. 		