



Sample Transfer  
Plan

Area of Focus: **English Writing**  
Associate in Arts (AA) transfer degree

**This Sample Transfer Plan is for students intending to major in English with a writing focus 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.

The English Writing area of focus is a versatile liberal arts foundation that provides flexibility to select from diverse career paths in a changing economy. English Writing courses focus on literature, language, linguistics and grammar, as well as in creative, technical and professional writing. Graduates of baccalaureate programs in English Writing may find careers as writers and authors developing written content for various types of media, including advertisements; books; magazines; movie, play, and television scripts; and blogs. Other career opportunities include education, editing, copywriting, management, public relations, advertising, publishing, and technical writing.

<b>General Education Recommendations:</b>		<b>minimum 37 credits</b>
This section includes the complete <a href="#">Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC)</a> , which is a package of courses meeting general education requirements at more than 100 participating Illinois colleges and universities.		
<b>Communication (9 credits) – all courses required</b> ENG 101 Composition I (3) – <i>grade ‘C’ or better required</i> ENG 102 Composition II (3) – <i>grade ‘C’ or better required</i> SPEC 101 Principles of Speech Communication (3)	<b>Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences (9 credits)</b> <i>Must include courses from two disciplines</i> Choose three IAI: S courses (9) <i>see HIST 105 and HIST 106 in Other Electives below.</i>	
<b>Humanities &amp; Fine Arts (9 credits)</b> Humanities – choose one or two 200-level ENG literature IAI: H courses. <i>ENG 206, 207, 210, 214, 221 or 223 recommended (3-6)</i> Fine Arts - choose one IAI: F or HF course (3) Humanities or Fine Arts – choose one IAI: F, H or HF course (0-3)	<b>Mathematics (3 credits)</b> Choose one IAI: M course (3 min.)	
<b>Physical &amp; Life Sciences (7 credits min. - include one lab)</b> Life Science – choose one IAI: L course (3 min.) <b>-or-</b> NSCI 101 Environmental Science I (3) <b>and</b> Physical Science – choose one IAI: P course (3 min.)                      NSCI 102 Environmental Science II (4)		

<b>Elective Recommendations:</b>		<b>up to 23 credits</b>
This section includes courses appropriate for this area of focus. Because transfer institutions vary in their acceptance of coursework, check course transferability with <a href="#">Transfer Equivalencies</a> , <a href="#">Transferology</a> , or an advisor. IAI courses are identified with an asterisk *. <b>Seek advising about other elective courses that may support your reasons for choosing this area of focus.</b>		
<b>English Writing Electives</b> ENG 231 Fiction Writing (3) ENG 232 Poetry Writing (3)  <b>Other Electives</b> A single foreign language to the 102 level or higher (4-8) For example, SPAN 101 Elementary Spanish I (4) and SPAN 102 Elementary Spanish II (4), unless satisfied in high school.	<b>Other Electives, cont.</b> A historical course sequence ( <i>courses are writing intensive</i> ): HIST 105 US History to 1877 (3)* <b>and</b> HIST 106 US History since 1877 (3)* <b>-or-</b> HIST 125 Western Civilization I (3)* <b>and</b> HIST 127 Western Civilization II (3)*  200-level courses ENG literature courses (3-6)*	
<b>Foreign Language:</b> Consider the foreign language admission and/or graduation requirement of potential transfer schools, which may be satisfied with high school and/or college courses. Consult an advisor.  <b>Minor:</b> Transfer majors may require a minor area of study, which may be started at BHC with 1-3 courses. Discuss possible minors & courses with an advisor.		
<b>60 total credits required for AA degree (General Education + Electives)</b>		

**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 100 or 102; ART 285 or 286; ENG 217, 218 or 219; HIST 222, 141, 142 or 151; IS 200; or MUSC 158.

**Learn More About This Area of Focus:**

- Get to know [Black Hawk College Career Services](#). Phone: 309-796-5626
- Visit [Career Coach](#) to Browse Careers. Includes job data and open positions for the greater Quad City region and beyond.
- Browse careers at [Collegegrad.com/careers](#) [O\\*Net OnLine](#) [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) [Occupational Profiles](#)
- For additional information visit: [Dear English Major](#)

**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. This is especially applicable to English Writing majors, and Secondary Education English majors, where major requirements vary significantly among schools.**

<b>Where to transfer?</b>		
To research transfer colleges and universities, visit the following links		
BHC Transfer Guides and Agreements <a href="https://www.bhc.edu/academics/transfer-programs/guides-and-agreements/">https://www.bhc.edu/academics/transfer-programs/guides-and-agreements/</a>	Illinois institutional profiles <a href="http://ibheprofiles.ibhe.org/">http://ibheprofiles.ibhe.org/</a>	College Navigator <a href="https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/">https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/</a>

**Degree Timeframe:**

- Students who complete an average of 15 college-level credits in four consecutive fall and spring semesters could complete the 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.

**Advising Notes:**

- See the current [BHC Catalog](#) for all IAI course codes, course descriptions, pre-requisite information, and complete graduation requirements to earn the degree. The area of focus is not stated on student transcripts.
- This guide is not a substitute for advising. All students are encouraged to seek advising each semester. Advising is required prior to registering for students who have earned 15 or fewer college-level credits.

<b>Semester</b>	<b>Meet with BHC advisor</b>	<b>Registration begins</b>
Summer and Fall	February or March	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday in April
Spring & minimester	September or October	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday in November

<b>BHC Contacts</b>		
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