



Sample Transfer
Plan

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

This Sample Transfer Plan is for students intending to major in Journalism 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.

Students planning to major in journalism will become proficient in general writing skills as well as learn the specific techniques used in journalistic writing such as interviewing, and sports, editorial and feature writing. Students who work on the Black Hawk College newspaper will focus upon the BHC community. Courses covering journalism-related fields such as photography and layout are also available. Journalism graduates may consider a wide range of careers in the media field, such as newspaper reporting, magazine writing, photo-journalism, and radio and television broadcasting, as well as the related areas of criticism and public relations.

General Education Recommendations:		minimum 37 credits
This section includes the complete Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC) , which is a package of courses meeting general education requirements at more than 100 participating Illinois colleges and universities.		
Communication (9 credits) – all courses required 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)	Social & Behavioral Sciences (9 credits) <i>Must include courses from two disciplines</i> Choose three IAI: S courses (3) <i>Consider</i> ECON 221 Principles of Macro Economics (3), PSYC 101 Intro to Psychology (3), or SOC 101 Principles of Sociology (3)	
Humanities & Fine Arts (9 credits) Humanities – choose one IAI: H or HF course (3) Fine Arts – choose one IAI: F or HF course (3) Humanities or Fine Arts – choose another IAI: F, H or HF course (3)	Mathematics (3 credits) MATH 108 Statistics for General Education (3), or other IAI: M course	
Physical & Life Sciences (7 credits min. including one lab) Life Science – choose one IAI: L course (3 min.) -or- NSCI 101 – Environmental Science I (3) and Physical Science – choose one IAI: P course (3 min.) 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.		
Journalism Electives JOUR 221 Intro to Mass Communication (3)* JOUR 222 Beginning Reporting (3) JOUR 225 Advanced Reporting (3) JOUR 230 College Newspaper Production (1) <i>Course may be taken four times. Course includes .5 lecture and 3.5 lab hours per week.</i> Foreign Language: 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.	Minor: 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. For example: <i>Business minor options:</i> courses with prefix ACCT, ECON and BUSN <i>Political Science or History minor options:</i> courses with prefix POLS and HIST <i>English minor options:</i> courses with prefix ENG	
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.		

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 https://www.bhc.edu/academics/transfer-programs/guides-and-agreements/	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 & minimester	September or October	1 st Tuesday in November

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