



Sample Transfer Plan

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

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

A bachelor's degree from an accredited Social Work program will prepare students to provide clinical and case management services to individuals, couples, and families, as well as lay a foundation for graduate education in social work. Social workers help people solve and cope with problems in their everyday lives. Clinical social workers also diagnose and treat mental, behavioral, and emotional issues. They work in a variety of settings, including schools, hospitals, clinics, human service agencies and private practice.

Students who decide not to pursue Social Worker licensure may work in a variety of direct social service occupations including community health workers, correctional treatment specialists, substance abuse counselors, marriage counselors and school counselors, as well as social and human service assistants. Overall, occupations in social work and social services are expected to grow 16% (much faster than average) through the year 2026.

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> POLS 122 American National Government (3) PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology (3) SOC 101 Principles of Sociology (3)	
Humanities & Fine Arts (9 credits) Humanities – PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy (3) or PHIL 103 Ethics (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)	
Physical & Life Sciences (7 credits min. - include one lab) Physical Science – choose one IAI: P course (3 min.) Life Science – BIOL 100 Introduction to Biology (4) or BIOL 101 General Human Biology (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.		
Social Work Electives SOC 222 Introduction to Social Work (3) SOC 290 Studies in Sociology (1-3) <i>Recommended for completion of volunteer hours required for admission to Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) programs. Consult an advisor.</i> Other Electives ANTH 102 Intro to Cultural Anthropology (3)* ECON 221 Principles of Macro Economics (3)* ECON 222 Principles of Micro Economics (3)* SOC 250 Minority Relations (3)* PSYC 250 Abnormal Psychology (3)*	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. Social Work majors are strongly encouraged to develop proficiency in a foreign language; Spanish recommended. Consult an advisor. Minor: Social Work is a comprehensive major that generally does not require completion of a minor. Consult an advisor on any additional course work needed for degree completion.	

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; HIST 222, 141, 142, or 151; IS 200 (see advisor if IS 220 taken prior to fall 2018); 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/ Council on Social Work Education https://www.cswe.org/Home.aspx

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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