



**Illinois State University**  
**Transfer Planning Guide**  
**Middle Level Education**

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**TRANSFER FACTS**

- The State of Illinois has been revising standards and endorsements for those planning to teach grades 5-8. Illinois State University has developed a new program which program meets State requirements for all who plan to graduate from ISU in Middle Level after September 1, 2017.
- **The minimum GPA for consideration to the middle level education program is 2.75.**
- In accordance with the Illinois State Board of Education licensure rules, all candidates seeking licensure to teach are required to obtain a grade of “C” or better in all directed general education courses, all core courses and all courses in the middle level education major.
- Students should apply as soon after September 1<sup>st</sup> for fall admission and as soon as possible after April 1<sup>st</sup> for spring admission. Admission is competitive and this major fills quickly.
- An ACT of 22 plus a minimum of 19 in combined English/Writing **or** a 1030 SAT composite and a minimum score of 450 in writing **or** the Test of Academic Proficiency should be completed prior to registering for classes at ISU. Students who completed the ACT Test after September 1, 2015, may be admitted with a cumulative ACT score of 22 and a combined English/Writing score of 16.
- Illinois State University requires an e-portfolio project with all teacher education majors on campus. Therefore, community college students planning to enter an education major are encouraged to keep their work and store these materials electronically for later use.

**SUGGESTED COURSES – Middle Level Education**

Every teacher candidate planning on this major must take a core set of Education classes (41 semester hours) at ISU as well as a concentration in at least 2 subject areas (see below). Including any of these classes within the [AA/AS degree](#) prior to transfer is recommended. Illinois State University will accept up to 70 semester hours from a community college. All students must complete ENG 101 and SPEC 101.

**Math Concentration (26 hours)**

ISU course number	Acceptable ISU alternative course	Acceptable BHC course
Math 119 College Algebra	Student may be able to test out of this or demonstrate competency by completion of higher level course.	MATH 112
Math 130 Numerical Reasoning	None	No equivalent
Math 131 Geometric Reasoning	None	No equivalent
Math 202 Algebraic Reasoning	None	No equivalent
Math 309 Number Theory	None	No equivalent
Math 312 Probabilistic & Statistical Reasoning	None	No equivalent
Math 302 Teaching Math grades 5-8	None	No equivalent
Math 314 Concepts of Calculus for Middle School Teachers	Math 145 Calculus I	MATH 124

### Science Concentration (26 hours)

ISU course number	Acceptable ISU alternative course	Acceptable BHC course
BIO 101 Fundamentals of Biology	None	BIOL 100 or BIOL 105
CHE 110 Fundamentals of Chemistry	None	CHEM 110 or CHEM 101
PHY 105 Fundamentals of Physics	None	PHYS 110 or PHYS 101
PHY 205 Origin or the Universe or PHY 207 Energy and the Environment	None	No equivalent
GEO 102 Principles of Geology	None	No equivalent
GEO 207 Natural Disasters or GEO 211 Earth's Dynamic Weather	None	GEOG 106
TCH 351 Science Methods	None	No equivalent
TCH 239 Science Inquiry – Middle Level	None	No equivalent

### Social Science Concentration (28 hours)

ISU course number	Acceptable ISU alternative course	Acceptable BHC course
ECON 105 Principles of Economics	ECON 101 Macroeconomics ECON 102 Microeconomics	ECON 221 or ECON 222
POL 106 US Government	POL 101 Citizens and Governance or POL 105 American Govt & Politics	POLS 122
GEO 135 World Geography	None	GEOG 105
HIS 104.01 History of Africa or HIS 104.02 History of East Asia or HIS 104.03 History of Latin America or HIS 104.04 History of Middle East or HIS 104.05 History of South & SE Asia HIS 101 Western Civilization to 1500 or HIS 102 Western Civilization after 1500	one	HIST 141 or HIST 142 or HIST 151  HIST 125 or HIST 127
TCH 352 Social Studies Methods	None	No equivalent
HIS 135 History of US to 1865 or HIS 136 History of US after 1856	None	HIST 105 or HIST 106

<p><b>2 courses</b> to be selected from the following:</p> <p>HIS 220 Ancient History: Greece  HIS 221 Ancient History: Rome  HIS 222 The Middle Ages 395-1100  HIS 223 The Middle Ages: 110-1500  HIS 241 Colonial Life and Institutions  HIS 246 Civil War and Reconstruction  HIS 257 African-Am History to 1865  HIS 258 African-Am History from 1865  HIS 259 History of Illinois  HIS 261 History of Women US to 1865  HIS 262 History Women US from 1865  GEO 205 Living in the Environment  GEO 215 Geography: United States  GEO 235 Emerging Areas</p>	None	HIST 254, American Civil War
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**English Language Arts Concentration (27 hours)**

ISU course number	Acceptable ISU alternative course	Acceptable BHC course
ENG 145 Writing in the Disciplines	None	ENG 102
ENG 110 English Literature	None	ENG 221 or ENG 222
ENG 130 Survey of American Lit	None	ENG 213 or ENG 214
ENG 143 Unity & Diversity in Language	None	No equivalent
ENG 272 Literature of Middle Grades	None	No equivalent
TCH 235 Foundations in Middle Level Education Reading	None	No equivalent
TCH 236 Literacy Methods in Middle Level Education	None	No equivalent
TCH 237 Writing Methods in Middle Level Education	None	No equivalent
TCH 238 Reading Methods in Middle Level Education	None	No equivalent

**English as a Second Language (English Language Learner) (21 hours)**

ISU course number	Acceptable ISU alternative course	Acceptable BHC course
TCH 110 Multi-Cultural Education	None	No equivalent
ENG 143 Unity & Diversity in	None	No equivalent

Language		
TCH 235 Foundations in Middle Level Education Reading	None	No equivalent
TCH 248 Foundations for Effective Practice with English Learners in Classrooms, Schools, and Communities	None	No equivalent
TCH 249 Methods and Materials for English Learners	None	No equivalent
TCH 320 Bilingual/Bicultural Program Design & Implementation	None	No equivalent
TCH 334 English Learners in the Middle Level Classroom	None	No equivalent

**The information on this guide is subject to change; students are advised to contact the contact the transfer institution to keep informed of changes. Final responsibility for verifying all transfer information lies with the student.**

**Students are encouraged to see their BHC Academic Advisor each term for selecting courses and updating information on their program and to maintain frequent contact with ISU's Office of Admission regarding application deadlines, degree requirements, and transfer information.**

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