

Illinois State University Transfer Guide (2023-2024 catalog)

Illinois State University

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Transfer guides are produced as a service to MCC students. Every effort is made to maintain up-to-date and accurate information; however, this information is subject to change. Such changes take precedence over the information on this guide. Students should work with an MCC advisor and the four-year transfer school. Responsibility for complying with all applicable requirements ultimately rests with the student.

Transfer Options

First time transfer students to ISU are recommended to complete MCC's AA, AS or any portion of the Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC).

- [Redbird Promise](#) guaranteed admission to the University (not to specific major) - Specific requirements are as follows:
 - Complete the Redbird Promise Participation Form.
 - Complete AA or AS degree prior to Illinois State enrollment.
 - Achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.4/4.0 in all transferable academic coursework (at all colleges/universities attended) and be in good academic standing at your community college.
- **AA Degree** - Transfer students admitted to ISU from an Illinois public community college who have completed an Associate in Arts (AA) degree receive the following benefits:
 - Junior status
 - ISU general education requirements satisfied (specific majors may require additional coursework)
- **AS Degree** - Transfer students admitted to ISU who have completed an AS receive the following benefits: junior status; ISU general education requirements **are not satisfied**. The IAI core may be completed at ISU by taking ISU-approved IAI courses.
- **Illinois Articulation Agreement (GECC Credential)** – Transfer students whose transcripts show IAI GECC certification will be considered as having satisfied ISU's general education requirements if their general education component has a minimum of 37 semester hours (specific majors may require additional coursework).
- **For students who transfer prior to completing an AA or an AS degree or the IAI core:**
 - ISU credit can be transferred back to MCC for completion of AA or AS degrees.
 - IAI core may be completed at ISU by taking ISU-approved IAI courses.

Admission Information

- [Application and admission](#) - Students are strongly advised to study the ISU catalog and to consult with a counselor for specific admission and course requirements within colleges and majors of their choice.
- **Application Deadlines** – Students are encouraged to apply early in the priority filing period for best consideration for admission into competitive majors. Students applying and submitting all transcripts and required documents in the priority filing period will be able to participate in advanced course registration. Students applying or submitting required documents after the preferred filing period will be admitted as space permits. Deadlines are subject to change and based on enrollment patterns.
 - **Summer & Fall**
 - Preferred Filing Period: September 1–January 15
 - Application Deadline, May 1; Required Document Deadline, June 1
 - **Spring**
 - Preferred Filing Period: April 1–August 1

- Application Deadline, November 1; Required Document Deadline, November 1

- **Admission Criteria -**

- **24 or more completed semester hours of college-level coursework at the time of application** - Admission based: cumulative GPA and prerequisite college-level coursework required for specific ISU major (remedial coursework, proficiency credit, repeatable courses taken more than one time do not count toward 24 hours).
- **Fewer than 24 completed semester hours of college-level coursework at time of application** - Admission based on: cumulative GPA; prerequisite college-level coursework required for specific ISU major; high school transcript information (cumulative GPA, grade trends, and rigor of courses completed); ACT or SAT scores (optional); GED scores (if non-high school graduate)
- **Admission consideration**
 - Highest admission priority granted to transfer students with the strongest academic records. Minimum GPA requirement varies by major.
 - Cumulative GPA and progress toward completion of general education and major program degree requirements are the most important factors in admission decisions.
 - Transfer students with a minimum 2.4 GPA may be admitted to the University as undeclared if program prerequisites are not met or space is not available in preferred major.
 - The average GPA for admitted students for Fall 2023 was just above a 3.2.
- **GPA calculation for admission** - For repeat courses, ISU uses the most recent repeated grade for calculating as long as the course is repeated at the same institution. ISU will not honor the MCC Grade Forgiveness policy as referenced in MCC's academic catalog.

Additional Information

- **Fixed Tuition Pledge** – Illinois State locks in tuition and fees for four years.
- **Transfer Student Scholarship** (automatic)– Up to \$3,000 (up to \$1,500 per year, renewable for two years of undergraduate career). The Transfer Student Scholarship is automatically awarded to first-time transfer students based on academic merit and the competitiveness of the applicant pool. To be eligible, students must have at least a 3.5 cumulative transfer GPA. No separate scholarship application is required. Award winners will be notified on a rolling basis, and awards will be offered as funds remain available.
- **Grade Requirement** - With the exception of ENG151 and 152, ISU will accept the D grade for general education requirements. All major related courses require a minimum C grade.
- **Maximum hours from a community college** - Up to 70 academic credits may transfer from a community college.
- **Proficiency Credit** – Refer to ISU's academic catalog regarding credit accepted for of AP, CLEP, and other standardized exams. For an MCC administered proficiency exam, ISU will grant credit if the MCC course is posted on the student's transcript.
- **Catalog Rule** – Transfer students are placed in the catalog associated with their term of ISU admission. A transfer student is eligible for a previous catalog (up to 2 years prior to assigned catalog) if it is in the student's best interest. Transfer admission counselors will work closely with transfer students to make sure students are not disadvantaged. **Please note that mandatory State of Illinois standards for teacher education majors takes precedence over the Catalog Rule.**
- **Foreign Language Requirement** – All students completing a degree through the College of Arts and Sciences must satisfy a foreign language requirement in one of the following ways: 3 years of one foreign language in high school or completion of the second semester or higher of college-level foreign language with a passing grade or equivalent proficiency as determined by examination. All BA degree students must complete at least the third semester of college-level foreign language. This is one more semester beyond the requirement for majors in the College of Arts and Sciences. The requirement at ISU is LAN115 which would be the 251 level courses at MCC.
- **Global Studies Requirement (AMALI)**– All students must complete a designated course in the cultures and traditions of societies of peoples from Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, or Indigenous Peoples of the World. IAI courses with number ending with N will fulfill the requirement. (see courses listed in chart below)
- **Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access in U.S. Society (IDEAS) Graduation Requirement:** Courses approved as IDEAS courses are designed to recognize the benefits and challenges of living in a diverse society and to address the influence of power among social groups within the United States. Students must complete one IDEAS course. IDEAS designated courses may count both towards this graduation requirement and general education

requirements; however, IDEAS courses cannot count towards both the IDEAS graduation requirement and the AMALI graduation requirement. Students can satisfy the IDEAS graduation requirement in three ways:

- Complete an IDEAS-approved course at Illinois State University.
- Complete an approved Illinois Articulation Initiative "D" designated course.
- Complete a baccalaureate-oriented associates degree at an Illinois community college.
- **BS degree requires an additional general education course in the area of Science, Mathematics, and Technology.** (see courses listed in chart below) Must be at least 3 semester hours.
- ISU requires all students to have a declared major upon completion of 75 hours of college-level coursework, including transfer credit. To be eligible for financial aid and in order to be consistent with federal financial aid guidelines, Illinois State students with 75 hours or more must be enrolled in a major program leading to a degree. A helpful website: <https://illinoisstate.edu/academics/>.

The following chart shows ISU's general education requirements and MCC's equivalents. Courses on the chart are recommended for the following students:

- Native ISU students planning to take classes at MCC to transfer back to ISU.
- Students planning to enter ISU as freshmen who also want to take courses at MCC during the summer between high school graduation and entering ISU.
- All other students should complete either an AA or AS degree or the GECC Credential.
- Please note that some majors have specific general education course requirements or exemptions.

ISU GE14 Curriculum	Required	MCC Equivalents
Group 1 Courses		
ENG 101	1 course	ENG151
COM 110	1 course	SPE151
Mathematics	1 course	MAT150, 170, 175
Natural Sciences	2 courses (2 different prefixes)	BIO157, 158; CHM115, 164 , 165; GEL105; PHY280, 291
United States Traditions	1 course	HIS170, 172
Individuals & Civic Life	1 course	PLT151, SOC151
Group 2 courses		
Fine Arts	1 course/3 hours	MUS100, 154, 160, 162
Humanities	1 course	ENG253, 255, 256, 260, 261, 277; HIS131, 132, 165; PHI151
Social Sciences	1 course	PHI158; PSY151, 265; SOC175, 251
Language in Humanities	1 course	FRE252, GER252, SPA252 (can be used to satisfy only one requirement) Non-foreign language courses also may satisfy this requirement, but such courses are not available at MCC.
Quantitative Reasoning	1 course	For BS degree, choose from following: MAT120, 171, 220, 245 For BA degree, choose from following: FRE251, 252; GER251, 252; SPA251, 252 (can be used to satisfy only one requirement)
Science, Math & Tech	1 course	ANT 160, BIO110, 255; EAS120, 185; HFE150

NOTE: The BS degree requires one additional science, mathematics, or technology course, beyond the general education requirements. The following MCC courses will meet this graduation requirement for Science, Mathematics and Technology: BIO110, 255; CHM166, 170, 265; EAS 120, 185; HFE150; HRT105; MAT120, 171, 220, 245, 253, 255; PHY281, 292

NOTE: Global Studies - One of the following MCC courses will satisfy ISU's Global Studies graduation requirement:
ANT151, 170; ART155, 165; ENG272, 276; GEG203, 204; HIS165; MUS153; PHI160, 261; PLT251, 261, 281

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