

TRANSFER POINTERS . . . plan your transfer to



Students in most majors are encouraged to earn an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree prior to transfer. The grade point average range for the middle 50% of transfer students admitted for the Fall of 2023 was 2.90-3.67 on 4.0 scale.

Admission

Visit the [Illinois State University Transfer Admissions](#) website for admission criteria and application process.

Acceptance of AA and/or AS degree

Students who earn the Associate in Arts degree at Black Hawk College will satisfy ISU's general education requirements. The Associate in Science degree does not satisfy general education requirements. Students must complete an additional 3 credits of Social Behavioral Science and an additional 3 credits of Humanities or Fine arts. These additional credits can be completed after transfer, or before transfer within the electives area of the AS degree. *Consult a BHC advisor prior to pursuing the AS degree.*

AMALI (Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, or Indigenous Peoples of the World) is an ISU graduation requirement (formerly known as Global Studies). AMALI can be met by selecting an IAI general education course that BHC has designated as non-western studies.

IDEAS (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access in U.S. Society) graduation requirement – NEW for fall 2023. Complete one IDEAS course, which may count both toward IDEAS and general education requirements. However, IDEAS courses cannot count toward both the IDEAS and AMALI graduation requirements. To satisfy IDEAS:

- Complete an approved IAI course with a "D" designation, or
- Complete an AA, AS or AFA degree at an Illinois community college, or
- Complete an IDEAS-approved course at Illinois State.

Due to space limitations and the competitiveness of the applicant pool, it may not be possible to offer admission to all qualified applicants. Highest admission priority will be granted to transfer students with the strongest academic records. Earning an associate's degree does not guarantee admission.

Acceptance of Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses

ISU will consider evaluation of technical courses from two-year and four-year colleges and universities that hold national or regional accreditation. Coursework is evaluated on a course-by-course basis.

Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI)

Illinois State University is a full participant in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) and offers all courses required to complete the statewide IAS General Education Core Curriculum are transferable among more than 100 participating colleges or universities. All colleges and universities participating in this agree to accept a “package” of general education courses in lieu of their own comparable lower-division general education requirements.

ISU is a full participant. The IAI GECC may be completed after transfer if 30 or more hours of transfer credit have been earned. ISU will accept the IAI GECC that includes non-IAI approved courses. Alternatively, transfer students who have satisfactorily completed at least one IAI GECC course at another fully-participating IAI school can complete the package at ISU by enrolling in ISU’s approved IAI GECC courses. Students should note, however, that ISU’s offering and number of GECC courses will vary each semester.

Native Illinois State students transferring course credit from a community college (e.g. taking a summer course at BHC) should not follow the IAI curriculum. Native students include students who began as freshman at Illinois State and will be returning to Illinois State University without the Associate of Arts or Science degree. These students need to follow ISU’s General Education Core. Native ISU students should determine course selection in consultation with an ISU academic advisor.

Credits and Residency

Transferring with an undeclared major	Student with 75 or more earned credit hours cannot be admitted to the University as undeclared students. A major must be declared.
Minimum Credit Hours to Apply as a Transfer Student	24 transferable and graded semester hours.
Maximum transfer credits accepted from community colleges	70
Maximum transfer credits accepted from all schools attended	90 from 4-year schools, or 90 from 2- and 4-year schools combined
Residency	Unless otherwise specified in a specific program, at least 30 of the last 60 hours completed toward the baccalaureate degree must be earned at ISU.
Senior college hours (ISU defines as 200- and 300-level courses; 400-level courses are for graduate programs)	The senior college hours (courses numbered 200 or above) must total at least 42 hours. Coursework transferred from other colleges and universities is not counted as senior college credit if freshmen and sophomores are regularly permitted to enroll in such work. No credit from two-year colleges may be counted as senior level.
Minimum upper division credits required to be taken with the transfer school	Contact ISU.
Taking BHC courses after transfer	Contact ISU Advisor

Grades

Credit will be granted for grades of “D” once a student has been admitted. Admission into some majors requires a higher GPA and/or specific coursework with grades of “C” or above. ENG 101 & ENG 102 must be completed with a grade of “C” or better

When an articulated course has been repeated at another college or university, that grade will not replace the previous grade earned at ISU nor can it be used to improve the cumulative or major grade point average. However, the transfer credit may be used to satisfy a prerequisite, major, minor, or other requirement at Illinois State University.

Students repeating a course to improve their GPA should be aware that many professional and graduate schools recalculate GPAs to include all courses attempted.

Second Language

For admission: None

For graduation: All students in the [College of Arts and Sciences \(CAS\)](#) must satisfy a foreign language graduation requirement that may be met by three years of the same foreign language in high school, or completion of the second semester or higher of college-level foreign language (including American Sign Language) with a passing grade, or equivalent proficiency as determined by examination. Bachelor of Arts candidates must complete a foreign language at a level equivalent to three college semesters.

Additional Pointers

ALEKS Math Placement Exam: **NEW for fall 2023.** If students need the ALEKS for placement at ISU, ISU prefers students take the ALEKS exam through ISU, but will now accept scores from other institutions if scores are no more than 18 months old.

Calculation of Admission Grade Point Average: Illinois State generally uses all grades shown on all college transcripts to determine an admission grade point average. However, for repeated courses, only the last grade is included. In addition, remedial course grades will not be used for admission purposes.

Catalog Rule: Transfer students will be placed in the catalog associated with their term of ISU admission. Transfer students are eligible for a previous catalog if it is in the student’s best interest. With approval, the student can move to a catalog of up to two years prior to the assigned catalog.

BHC prepares Transfer Pointers as a service to students. The information is subject to change by the transfer school. Students should work with their BHC advisor and the transfer school to stay informed. Students are responsible for confirming transfer school requirements and policies.

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