

TRANSFER PROGRAMS

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges offers excellent transfer programs for students who wish to continue their education at a four-year college or university. Students who plan to transfer are encouraged to enroll in one of the following programs:

- Associate in Arts (AA) – Liberal Arts focus; requires more humanities/fine arts and social/behavioral sciences as well as a foreign language. Fulfills General Education Core Curriculum Credential.
- Associate in Science (AS) – STEM focus; requires more mathematics and physical/life sciences.
- Associate in Science and Arts (ASA) – Similar to the AA, without the foreign language and P.E./Health Nutrition requirements. Fulfills General Education Core Curriculum credential.
- General Education Core Curriculum Credential – Only General Education courses. See C104 that follows for additional details.

After successfully completing one of the associate degrees, the student can generally transfer to a four-year university with junior status. IECC has transfer (Articulation) agreements with many in-state and out-of-state colleges and universities. Contact an advisor to assist you with an education plan that begins at IECC and leads you to a baccalaureate degree and beyond.

The following tips make transfer from IECC to a four-year university a smooth process:

1. *Get advice from your college advisor.*
2. *Maintain contact with the receiving institution.*
3. *Go to the Advisement webpage at www.iecc.edu/advisement*
4. *Visit the MyCreditsTransfer website at <http://www.mycreditstransfer.org>*
5. *Follow the IAI road map and check the IAI website at www.iTransfer.org*

IAI GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM

IECC is a participant in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI), a statewide agreement that allows for the transfer of core curriculum (referred to as the General Education Core Curriculum) to more than 100 participating colleges and universities in Illinois. The agreement became effective for those who entered participating institutions as first-time students in the summer of 1998 (and thereafter). In addition to being able to transfer general education courses, students can also transfer courses that will apply to specific baccalaureate majors.

The General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) is the starting point for students pursuing an associate transfer degree or a bachelor's degree. This core consists of 37 to 41 credits that participating colleges and universities have agreed to accept as a "package" in lieu of their own

comparable lower-division general education requirements.

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM

CREDENTIAL – C104

This credential, consisting 12-13 courses (37-41 semester hours) is not a degree or certificate, nor is it an industry recognized credential.

Beginning in 2019, students successfully completing the GECC "package" receive the GECC Credential, via a notation on their transcript, signifying this accomplishment. **Students graduating with an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science and Arts degree at IECC will typically be awarded this credential in addition to their degree.**

Completion of this credential ensures the student can seamlessly transfer to an in-state four-year institution, having completed their general education requirements. **Minimum requirements are as follows:**

Communications..... 3 Courses (9 Semester Hrs)
Mathematics..... 1 Course (3-6 Semester Hrs)
Physical & Life Sciences 2 Courses (7-8 Semester Hrs)
Humanities & Fine Arts..... 3 Courses (9 Semester Hrs)
Social & Behavioral Sciences 3 Courses (9 Semester Hrs)

The GECC Credential is comprised of only Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) approved general education courses. See the IAI GECC Courses that follow for a complete list of approved courses.

IAI GECC CODES

- C - Communications
- F - Fine Arts
- H - Humanities
- L - Life Sciences
- M - Mathematics
- P - Physical Sciences
- S - Social and Behavioral Sciences
- HF - Interdisciplinary Humanities & Fine Arts
- LP - Interdisciplinary Life Sciences and Physical Sciences