

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
Special Education Program
Associate in Arts or Associate in Science Degree
Effective 2012-2014 ISU catalog (Fall 2014 major curriculum changes)

The following is a list of courses that satisfy the **Associate in Arts or Associate in Science Degree** requirements at Sauk Valley Community College as well as the requirements for the Special Education Program at Illinois State University. Students transferring without the AA or AS Degree may need to complete different general education courses.

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM – minimum of 37 CREDITS

COMMUNICATIONS **9 CREDITS**

#ENG 101, #ENG 103, #SPE 131

MATHEMATICS **6 CREDITS**

#MAT 110 required plus one **GECC approved mathematics course (MAT 111 recommended)

** additional choices MAT 115, 220, 221, 230, 240, 203, 204, 205)

HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS **9 CREDITS**

Select at least one course from *Humanities* and one course from *Fine Arts*.

Only one course noted with the same letter subscript can be used for Humanities/Fine Arts credit.

Interdisciplinary courses encompassing both the humanities and fine arts may be used in both categories.

Humanities

LAN 202A, 252A, 262A; ENG 201, 203, 204, 212, 215B, 225, 226, 227, 228, 230B;

PHL 101, 102, 103; ENG 220C, 221C, *PHL 104; HUM 150, 210, 211

Fine Arts

ART *118, 119, 120, 121D, 122D; MUS 150, 201; SPE 141; HUM 112; HUM 150, 210, 211

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES **9 CREDITS**

#PSY 103, #PSY 200 or 214 (recommended), GOV 163 recommended or choose another course from below:

Anthropology

SOC *115, *116

Economics

ECO 211, 212

Human Geography

*GEO 122

Political Science

GOV 164, 232, 233, *261

Sociology

SOC 111, 112, 251

History

HIS 131, 132, 221, 222,

HIS *235, *245, *255, *265

LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES **7-8 CREDITS**

Select one course from Life Sciences and one course from Physical Sciences.

One lab course is required (lab courses are in **bold type**).

Life Sciences

BIO **103**, 104, **105**, **108**

Physical Sciences

CHE 101, 102, **103**, **105**, 109, **110**; GSC **105**, 106, 115; PHY **175**, **201**, **211**

SVCC DEGREE REQUIREMENTS - 4 CREDITS

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE **1 CREDIT**

PSY 100 or FYE 101

PERSONAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT **3 CREDITS**

CIS 109 recommended or choose from:

ART 101, 113; BIO 120; BUS 237; EDU 105; MUS 106, 131, 135, 137, 139, 140,

155, 160, 215; SPE 145, 161, 232; PED 115 or any other 100 level physical education course

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS 19-23 CREDITS

Professional Education Courses: #EDU 220

Deaf and Hard of Hearing: HSV 130, 131 if offered

Assessment/proficiency may be required for placement/credit for sign language at ISU.

Transfer electives to total 64 credit hours – EDU 105, 275 **11 – 17 CREDITS**

TOTAL 64 CREDIT HOURS

*Global Studies ISU graduation requirement – Choose one asterisk course.

#These courses must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE – THIS GUIDE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

ADMISSION TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AT ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Students are admitted to the Special Education program on a competitive and selective basis.

The Department of Special Education is currently in the process of transitioning to a new curriculum. Please check with a Special Education ISU advisor as you plan your courses.

Prospective transfer students are encouraged to file an Application for Admission to ISU EARLY (one year in advance) or as soon as possible during the priority filing period (subject to change) as posted in the Undergraduate ISU Application. Applications postmarked during the priority filing period have an advantage when space is limited. The University reserves the right to curtail admission, adjust requirements, and limit enrollment due to space limitations, therefore, it may not be possible to offer admission to all qualified applicants.

Admission Requirements and Selection Criteria for Special Education:

NEW COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENTS must have a ****minimum cumulative transfer GPA of 2.70** and other requirements as currently specified by the program.

*** The cumulative grade-point average will be re-calculated upon transfer to ISU generally using all grades from all colleges and universities attended. However, for repeated courses, only the last repeated grade will be used for calculation for admission. Also, remedial course grades will not be used for admission purposes.*

IMPORTANT NOTE: After transfer to ISU with an AA or AS degree, this program takes a minimum of 5 semesters (2 ½ years) to complete. For more timely degree completion, students may wish to consider transferring to ISU after completion of the general education core curriculum (GECC).

A limited number of students are admitted to each of the following concentration areas in Special Education. Graduates earn Illinois K-12 Type 10 (special education) teaching certificates corresponding to their major sequence.

Specialist in Learning and Behavior (LBS): This major prepares teachers with the necessary skills to teach children with learning disabilities, emotional or behavior disorders, mental retardation, physical disabilities, health impairments and multiple disabilities.

Specialist in Low Vision and Blindness: This major prepares students to teach in public schools or residential centers as classroom, resource or itinerant teachers. Students are also trained to work with children with visual disabilities integrated into regular school programs at all levels, from preschool through secondary. **MORE TEACHERS ARE NEEDED!**

Specialist in Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Students majoring in this area complete general education requirements and a sequence of courses including language arts, speech/hearing science, deaf education and sign language. This program prepares students to teach Deaf and Hard of Hearing students from preschool through secondary. **ADMISSION EXTREMELY LIMITED FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS IN THIS CONCENTRATION.**

Double major sequence choices are available in LBS and Low Vision/Blindness or LBS and Deaf/Hard of Hearing. Expect longer degree completion rates (adding 1 ½ to 2 years).

Students are encouraged to complete the T.A.P. (Test of Academic Proficiency formerly the Basic Skills Test) or have a score of 22 on the ACT with writing prior to transfer. For this reason, students should take the TAP or ACT as early as possible. Registration materials including test dates/deadlines available on the following websites: www.icts.nesinc.com or www.act.org. Students need to make sure scores are sent to ISU or they will need to bring a paper copy.

Teacher Education majors must have a grade of C or above in all coursework required as part of their licensure program. This includes all endorsement areas, major courses and professional education.

Recommended: Applicants are encouraged to complete volunteer experiences with persons with disabilities and participate in organizations for future professional educators.

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FINAL COURSE ARTICULATION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT.