

ASSOCIATE IN LIBERAL STUDIES DEGREE

This highly individualized degree combines both liberal arts and sciences and occupational education course work. It provides a greater element of freedom for the student and is especially beneficial for anyone with broad life or educational experiences.

Because of the individualized nature of this degree, all students pursuing it should develop an educational plan with an advisor and should discuss transfer implications as they develop the plan.

The college requires these students to have a plan of study approved by the dean of student services and development or associate dean of advising, transfer, and career development services on file.

The college recommends using the Academic Planning, Registration, and Payment Tool on accessECC to track your progress toward completion.

Students with previous academic, career and life experiences are encouraged to investigate the options of proficiency credit to substitute their acquired knowledge for prerequisite, course, and/or degree requirements.

This degree is intended to articulate to universities offering the Board of Governor's baccalaureate degree. Transfer of this degree to institutions which do not offer it may result in some loss of credit. Universities offering the Board of Governor's degree are:

- Chicago State University
- Eastern Illinois University
- Governors State University
- University of Illinois at Springfield
- Western Illinois University

Degree Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
General Education Requirement		
<i>Communications</i>		9
Three courses including a two-course sequence in writing and one course in oral communication. A grade of C or better in ENGL 101 and ENG 102 is required.		
ENG 101	English Composition I	
ENG 102	English Composition II	
CMS 101	Fundamentals of Speech	
<i>Sciences</i>		3
APS 111	Applied Physical Science	
ATY 100	Astronomy	
ATY 101	Elementary Astronomy	
BIO 105	Survey of Environmental Biology	
BIO 108	Biology for Contemporary Society (L)	
BIO 110	Principles of Biology (L)	

BIO 113	Molecular & Cellular Biology (L)	
BIO 114	Organismal Bio, Evolution, Ecology (L)	
BIO 115	Environmental Biology (L)	
BIO 240	Human Anatomy and Physiology	
BIO 245	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	
BIO 246	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	
BIO 265	Microbiology	
CHM 101	Preparatory Chemistry	
CHM 112	Elements of Chemistry: General	
CHM 142	General Chemistry I	
CHM 143	General Chemistry II	
CHM 170	Elementary Organic Chemistry	
CHM 234	Organic Chemistry I	
CHM 235	Organic Chemistry II	
GEO 115	Intro to Physical Geography	
GLY 112	Physical Geology	
Physics-PHY		
<i>Math</i>		3
Select one of the following:		
Math-MTH		
BUS 120	Business Mathematics	
<i>Behavioral Sciences</i>		3
Select one of the following:		
Anthropology-ATR		
Psychology-PSY		
Sociology-SOC		
<i>Social Sciences</i>		3
Select one of the following:		
Economics-ECN		
History-HIS		
Geography-GEO, except GEO 115		
Political Science-POS		
International Studies-INS, excluding non-traditional languages		
<i>Areas of Concentration</i>		39
Areas of concentration include coursework for all courses numbered 100 and above.		
Total Credit Hours		60

College Requirements

1. A total of 60 hours or more must be completed as specified above. This total cannot include any credits earned in courses numbered below 100 nor any courses with ABE, ASE, AMT, ARW, or ESL prefixes. The 60 hours total may include up to four hours of credit in physical education courses prefixed by PHC.
2. Meet the college's Academic Residency Requirement for University Transfer degrees: A minimum of 15 semester hours in courses numbered 100 and above and must have been achieved at ECC, excluding AP, CLEP, and proficiency credits.
3. Students may apply up to six hours of Independent Study credit toward any associate degree.

4. Students can earn only one transfer associate degree. Should a student seek to earn more than one transfer degree, a Petition to Earn Multiple Transfer Degrees form must be submitted to the associate dean of advising, transfer, and career development services.