

BUSINESS MAJORS (Suggested Associate in Arts Degree Curriculum)

This worksheet is designed to help students select courses which are likely to apply to a major in business related fields, such as **ACCOUNTING, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, MARKETING, MANAGEMENT**, etc. These suggested courses satisfy requirements in the Associate in Arts Degree program at Prairie State College and provide the basis for transferring to a four-year institution. This program meets the guidelines of the **IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative) Baccalaureate Major Panel for Business**. Students should obtain a copy of the Prairie State College **Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet** and should visit the IAI website at www.iTransfer.org for more information.

ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS IS VERY COMPETITIVE AT SOME UNIVERSITIES: Some universities require successful completion of specific business core courses and a specific minimum gpa before being considered for admission. Check with the school(s) you plan to attend.

CPA EXAMINATION: The Committee on Accountancy for the State of Illinois requires that a candidate sitting for the CPA Examination have 150 hours of completed college credit. For more information visit: www.cpa-exam.org.

SUGGESTED CURRICULUM

Each senior institution has its own transfer policies. Therefore, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of this information in regard to every individual school. Consult the school of your choice and/or the Prairie State College Advising Center to discuss the transferability of courses.

TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE (38-40 credits)

Area A: Communications (9 credits)

ENG 101 (3)	[C1 900]*	Composition I (Prereq. ENG 099, C or better, or qualifying score on English Placement Test)
ENG 102 (3)	[C1 901R]*	Composition II (Prereq. ENG 101, C or better)
COMM 101 (3)	[C2 900]	Principles of Communication (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

**Must have a C or better in ENG 101 & 102 to receive credit for the degree.*

Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credits)

Select three courses with at least one course selected from the humanities area and one course from the fine arts area. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area B, for a listing of approved course choices.

Humanities Course (3)	Select any Area B Humanities Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
	PHILO 202 [H4 904] Ethics is strongly recommended by the IAI Panel
Fine Arts Course (3)	Select any Area B Fine Arts Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Humanities/Fine Arts Course (3)	Select any Area B Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

Area C: Mathematics (4-5 credits)

MATH 157 (4) [M1 900-B]	Calculus for Business & Social Science (Prereq. MATH 151 with C or better or qualifying score on Math Placement Test)
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MATH 171 (5) [M1 900-1]	Calculus with Analytic Geometry I (Prereq. MATH 165 with C or better or qualifying score on Math Placement Test)
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Area D: Physical and Life Sciences (7-8 credits)

Select one life science course and one physical science course. One course must have a lab component. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area D, for a listing of approved course choices.

Life Science Course (3-4)	Select any Area D Life Science Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Physical Science Course (3-4)	Select any Area D Physical Science Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 credits)

Select three courses in at least two different disciplines. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area E, for a listing of approved course choices.

ECON 201 (3) [S3 901]	Macroeconomic Principles (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
ECON 202 (3) [S3 902]	Microeconomic Principles (Prereq. ECON 201)
Social/Behavioral Sci course (3)	Select any Area E course, other than Econ (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

BUSINESS MAJOR COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS (22-24 credits)

(Check with the school to which you plan to transfer to verify the transferability of these courses for this major.)

Select 22-24 credits from the “suggested” course recommendations listed below:

Suggested IAI Business Core courses include:

BUS 131 (4)	[BUS 903]	Financial Accounting (COMPASS Placement into ENG 099 or higher)
BUS 132 (3)	[BUS 904]	Managerial Accounting (Prereq. BUS 131)
BUS 240 (4)	[BUS 901]	Elementary Statistics (Prereq. MATH 151 or 155 or qualifying score on Math Test)
ITAPP 101 (3)	[BUS 902]	Introduction to Computers

Other suggested business major courses often include:

BUS 101 (3)	Introduction to Business (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
BUS 201 (3)	Business Law (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
OR BUS 210 (3)	Business Law and Its Environment (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

Other suggested courses that satisfy the PSC AA degree requirements may include electives such as:

Any additional general education courses selected from Areas B, C, D, or E

Any entry level majors course in a transferable major area

Any foreign language courses*

Up to four credits of physical education courses

Additional courses recommended as transferable by the school(s) to which you plan to transfer.

**Foreign Language Requirement: Some universities have a foreign language requirement. Generally, four years of a single foreign language in high school, or four semesters in college, will fulfill this requirement. It is recommended that students complete the entire sequence at one institution. Majors in International Business often require courses in foreign language.*

PLEASE NOTE: Courses such as Principles of Management, Principles of Marketing, Principles of Finance, Intermediate Accounting, and Cost Accounting, etc. are considered **junior level** or **upper division courses** at most universities. Some universities will accept these courses as elective credit (but they often will not count toward the hours you need for a major in business). Some have provisions for validating this credit. In this case, a student may be required to take a proficiency examination, take the next course in a sequence, or take a specific CLEP subject examination. **Students are strongly advised to consult the school of their choice before registering for these courses.**

62 CREDITS REQUIRED FOR AN ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

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FOR TRANSFER INFORMATION:

u.select, formerly known as Course Applicability System (CAS): www.transfer.org

Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI): www.iTransfer.org

Links to Articulation Tables for Illinois Colleges: <http://www.itransfer.org/IAI/Other/Articulationlinks taf>

Visit the web sites of colleges and universities to which you plan to transfer.

FOR CAREER INFORMATION:

Occupational Outlook Handbook, U.S. Department of Labor: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants: <http://www.aicpa.org>

American Management Association: <http://www.amanet.org>