

MUSIC EDUCATION 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 **MUSIC EDUCATION**. 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 for the **IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative) General Education Core**. 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.

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS IN MUSIC EDUCATION

To teach music in the Illinois public schools, teachers must be certified by the State of Illinois. To transfer into an approved baccalaureate program in music education as a junior, students must complete a minimum of 60 semester credits. A broad background in music theory, literature, keyboarding skills, aural skills, ensemble performance and applied music instruction is offered at the community college level to provide a foundation for advanced study in music at a senior institution. Since admission to music education is competitive, completion of the courses recommended below does not guarantee admission. Students may need to demonstrate their skill level through auditions and/or placement testing at the senior institution. Students should be aware that a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale is usually required for program admission. Students must pass the Illinois Basic Skills Test (www.icts.nesinc.com) which includes reading, writing, grammar, and math, as a university requirement for program admission. Most schools require a criminal background check prior to enrolling in field experience courses. Students should consult an academic advisor at the community college and senior university early and often.

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 Counseling and Advising Center to discuss the transferability of courses.

TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE (38 credits)

Area A: Communications (9 credits)

ENG 101 (3)	[C1 900]*	Composition (Prereq. ENG 099, C or better, or qualifying scored 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. ENG 099 or above)
Fine Arts Course (3)	ART 131 - Survey of Non-Western Art recommended (Prereq. ENG 099 or above)
ENG _____ (3)	Select any literature course, except ENG 220. (Prereq. ENG 101, C or better)

Area C: Mathematics (3 credits)

MATH 112 (3) [M1 904]	General Education Mathematics (Prereq. MATH 095 & 096 with C or better OR MATH 095 and high school geometry, both with C or better OR qualifying score on Math Placement Test)
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MATH 115 (3) [M1 902]	General Education Statistics (Prereq. MATH 095 & 096 with C or better OR MATH 095 and high school geometry, both with C or better OR qualifying score on Math Placement Test)
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Area D: Physical and Life Sciences (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 (4)	(Four credit lab science recommended for Illinois teacher certification)
Physical Science Course (4)	(Four credit lab science recommended for Illinois teacher certification)

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.

HIST 201 (3) [S2 900]	or HIST 202 (3) [S2 901] U.S. History (Prereq. ENG 099 or above)
POLSC 140 (3) [S5 900]	Introduction to U.S. Government and Politics (Prereq. ENG 099 or above)

PSYCH 101 (3) [S6 900]

Introduction to Psychology (Prereq. ENG 099 or above)

MUSIC EDUCATION MAJOR COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS (minimum of 24 credits)

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

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

Suggested IAI Music Education Core courses include:

Take one musicianship course each term for a total of 16 credits.

MUSIC 101 (4)	Musicianship I (Prereq. MUSIC 100)
MUSIC 102 (4)	Musicianship II (Prereq. MUSIC 101)
MUSIC 201 (4)	Musicianship III (Prereq. MUSIC 102)
MUSIC 202 (4)	Musicianship IV (Prereq. MUSIC 201)

Select from Ensemble Groups I-IV: Take one each term for a total of 4 credits.

MUSIC 110 (1)	Community Chorus (may be repeated 3 additional times for credit)
MUSIC 120 (1)	Wind Ensemble (Prereq. Consent of Instructor) (may be repeated 3 additional times for credit)
MUSIC 152 (1)	Jazz Ensemble I (Prereq. Consent of Instructor)
MUSIC 153 (1)	Jazz Ensemble II (Prereq. MUSIC 152)
MUSIC 162 (1)	Vocal Jazz Ensemble I (Prereq. Consent of Instructor)
MUSIC 163 (1)	Vocal Jazz Ensemble II (Prereq. MUSIC 162)

Select from Applied Music Instruction I-IV (Private Music Lessons): Take one each term for a total of 8 credits.

MUSIC 191 (2)	Private Applied Music I (may be repeated 3 additional times)
MUSIC 192 (2)	Private Applied Music II (Prereq. MUSIC 191) (may be repeated 3 additional times)
MUSIC 291 (2)	Private Applied Music III (Prereq. MUSIC 192) (may be repeated 3 additional times)
MUSIC 292 (2)	Private Applied Music IV (Prereq. MUSIC 291) (may be repeated 3 additional times)

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

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

Any foreign language courses*

Up to four credits of physical education courses

Additional courses recommended by the school 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.

62 CREDITS REQUIRED FOR AN ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

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FOR MUSIC TEACHER CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

Illinois State Board of Education: www.isbe.state.il.us

Approved Teacher Certification Programs in Illinois: www.isbe.net/profprep/PDFs/Directory.pdf

Certification information for new teachers in Illinois: www.isbe.net/certification/html/becoming_teacher.htm

Illinois Certification Testing System (Basic Skills Test): www.icts.nesinc.com

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>