Illinois State University
Transfer Planning Guide – EDUCATION MAJOR
Use in tandem with ISU general transfer guide

(GPA is based on all courses taken, see Admissions note on transfer reference guide)

- Minimum GPA required: 2.7 for Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Special Education and Middle Level Education
- Must earn a C or better in all courses. Grades in courses of C- or lower may not be used for State of Illinois Licensure, Endorsements, or Approvals.
- For more transfer information for education majors visit: https://education.illinoisstate.edu/academics/

Early Childhood Education Online Workforce Program
Students who complete the AA, AS or AAS in Early Childhood plan and the Gateway Level 4 credential may be eligible for ISU’s online two-year plan of study for Early Childhood Education. Read more about this pathway here: https://education.illinoisstate.edu/ece-workforce/. Students who complete this degree may also choose to complete their 2 year program on campus.

Early Childhood Education (Birth to Grade 2)
Follow the IAI General Education core in the CLC catalog and include the following recommended courses.

Communications: ENG 121; 122 or 126; CMM 121
Mathematics: Any IAI Math; recommend MTH 222 (MTH 222 will exempt student from ECO)
Humanities/Fine Arts: [ENG 249 if pursuing a Reading Endorsement]. Follow IAI and fulfill CLC's I/M requirement
Sciences: Biology, Physical Science and Earth/Space courses required: [BIO 123 or 141] and [CHM 120, 121 140 or 142] and [ESC 120, 123, 124, 127, 128, 129, 140, 141 or 224]
Social/Behavioral: History, Economics, Geography and Political Science are required: [HST 221 or 222] and [ECO 221 or 222] and [PSC 121] and [GEG 122 or 123]
Electives: (EDU124 or ECE 124 or PSY 222); EDU 222; EDU 224 (All required for major)

1 GEG 122 or 123 may be used to fulfill ISU’s Global studies (AMALI) requirement.

Elementary Education (Grades 1 to 6)
Follow the IAI General Education core in the CLC catalog and include the following recommended courses.

Communications: ENG 121; 122 or 126; CMM 121
Mathematics: MTH IAI Math; recommend MTH 221; MTH 122 or Take ISU Proficiency Test
Humanities/Fine Arts: ENG 249; 2 additional courses – follow IAI and fulfill CLC’s I/M requirement
P/L Science & Earth Science: [Choose one: BIO 123 or 141] and [Choose one: CHM 120, 121 140 or 142] and [Choose one: ESC 120, 123, 124, 127, 128, 129, 140, 141 or 224]
Social/Behavioral: History, Economics, Geography and Political Science are required: [HST 221 or 222] and [ECO 221 or 222] and [PSC 121] and [GEG 122 or 123]
Electives: (EDU124 or ECE 124 or PSY 222); EDU 222; KIN 220 (All required for major); EDU 224 (if pursuing ESL endorsement)

1 GEG 122 or 123 may be used to fulfill ISU’s Global studies (AMALI) requirement. Note: MAT 130 will be taken at ISU (no equivalent at CLC).
Middle Level Teacher Education (Grades 5 to 8)
Every teacher candidate planning on this major must take a core set of Education classes (41 semester hours) at ISU as well as a concentration in at least 2 subject areas (see below). Selecting 2 areas and taking any of these classes listed for the subject area prior to transfer would be beneficial to the student. Students need to meet the IAI General Education core and will benefit from incorporating the subject area courses into their program.

Math Endorsement (26 hours): MTH 145
Science Endorsement (26 hours): BIO 123, 141 or 161; CHM 120, 121, 140, 142; PHY 120 or 121; ESC 120, 124, 128, 140 or 141; ESC 121 or 125 or 224; ESC 123 or 127 or 129.
Social Science Endorsement (28 hours): ECO 221 or 222; PSC 121; GEG 122 or 123; HST 121 or 122; HST 221 or 222; and two courses from HST 240, HST 241, PSC 222, SOC 222, ANT 221
English Language Arts Endorsement (27 hours): ENG 122 or 126; 2 courses from : ENG 225 or 226; ENG 223 or 229; ENG 249

English as a Second Language Endorsement: EDU 224; 1 course from: ANT 221, SOC 222

Special Education (Grades K-12)
Follow the IAI General Education core in the CLC catalog and include the following recommended courses. Special Ed. majors include the following three sequences: Learning and Behavior, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and Low Vision and Blindness. The ISU plan is a 5-semester plan of study, so students are encouraged to consider early transfer. The AA/AS degree can still be earned through reverse transfer.

Communications: ENG 121; 122 or 126; CMM 121
Mathematics: any IAI Math will meet requirement; MTH 221 suggested
Humanities/Fine Arts: follow IAI (see note in Electives re: Global Studies (AMALI))
Physical/Life Sciences: follow IAI
Social/Behavioral: PSY 121, no more than 2 courses here may be PSY (see note in Electives re: Global Studies)
Electives: EDU 124 or ECE 124 or PSY 222; EDU 222 (both courses required for major); include one of the following to meet the Global Studies (AMALI) requirement: ENG 246, 247; HUM 128, 129; ANT 121, 221; GEG 122, 223, 123; HST 126, 127, 245, 246; PHI 126, 221;

This transfer guide is designed to assist students with their academic planning. Every effort is made to maintain accurate information; however, this information is subject to frequent change. Students should contact the member institution to keep informed of changes, as final responsibility for verifying information rests with the student.