

31+ Credits Earned

ECC encourages students to meet with their assigned academic advisor every semester to stay on track with graduation and transfer goals. During the final 30 credits of an associate degree, it is important to focus on taking courses that meet the requirements of the chosen top transfer university.

Academic advisors can help:

- Monitor progress on required coursework.
- Review degree requirements for graduation.
- Explore colleges and universities with your intended major.
- Understand transfer requirements.
- Create a plan for a smooth transition.

Current students can schedule an in-person or virtual appointment with their assigned advisor. To schedule, log in to accessECC; stop by the Student Success Center in Building B, Room B120; or call 847-214-7390.

Learn more and
schedule an
appointment:



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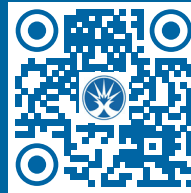
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Chart Your Course: Biology University Transfer



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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Bachelor's degrees in biology support student interests in research or preparing for pre-professional pathways, such as pre-med, pre-pharmacy, and more. The course suggestions in this guide are a sample plan of study and apply to traditional biology degree pathways. For students interested in allied health programs such as nursing, radiography, etc., please speak with an academic advisor about alternative pathways to enter these programs.

Students are strongly encouraged to complete an Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) degree, consisting of 60 college-level credit hours. Students should meet with an academic advisor early to determine which degree is most appropriate based on transfer goals.

The recommendations in this guide are based on college-ready reading, writing, and math skills.

Completion of a foreign language may be required by transfer institutions. Plan to meet with an academic advisor every semester to plan courses and ensure a seamless transfer.

Illinois Articulation Initiative

This guide uses the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) as a framework and outlines recommended beginning coursework for students who plan to transfer after Elgin Community College (ECC) to a bachelor's degree program.

The IAI allows students to transfer easily between colleges in Illinois. Schools that are part of IAI agree to accept the same general education classes, such as English, math, science, and humanities.

Course suggestions are aligned to general IAI courses and majors. To learn more about IAI, visit itransfer.org.

Semester 1 (0 to 15 Credit Hours)

ENG 101
English Composition I (3)

MTH 190
Calculus w/ Analytic Geometry I (5)

CHM 142
General Chemistry I (5)

IAI
Humanities or Fine Arts Course (3)

Preparing for Transfer Checklist

(0 to 15 Credits Earned)

Take these steps in your first 0 to 15 credit hours to help ensure a smooth transfer to the college or university of your choice.

- Meet with an ECC academic advisor to develop an education plan. Schedule an appointment by visiting the Student Success Center in Building B, Room B120; calling 847-214-7390; or scheduling online via the accessECC student portal.
- Explore admission requirements for transfer schools and attend ECC transfer events.
- Connect with representatives from your top five schools to schedule a campus visit.
- Become a strong transfer and scholarship candidate by earning strong grades and getting involved on campus.
- Create a Transferology account to track how courses at ECC could transfer to your top five schools.

Create a Transferology account:



Semester 2 (16 to 30 Credit Hours)

ENG 102
English Composition II (3)

CHM 143
General Chemistry II (5)

IAI
Humanities or Fine Arts Course (3)

IAI
Social or Behavioral Science Course (3)

Preparing for Transfer Checklist

(16 to 30 Credits Earned)

Take these steps from 16 to 30 credit hours.

- Commit to a plan of study.
 - o Understand transfer admissions and course requirements.
 - o Check in with your ECC academic advisor to review and update your academic plan.
 - o Explore scholarship opportunities offered by your transfer school.
- Attend a transfer workshop to learn more about the transfer process and how to best prepare your applications.
- Update your Transferology account with your current classes.
- Narrow down your list of transfer schools by utilizing transfer resources.
- Join the Phi Theta Kappa college honor society if you are eligible for membership.