



PROGRAM TRANSFER GUIDE  
**Bachelor of Social Work  
(B.S.W.)**



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## Associate in Arts to Bachelor of Social Work

This guide between Black Hawk College (BHC) and St. Ambrose University (SAU) intends to create a smooth and seamless curriculum transition for students who earn the Associate in Arts (AA) degree at BHC to transfer into the Bachelor of Social Work at SAU. The numerous “Elective” course placeholders throughout the plan allows students to earn a second bachelor degree in Psychology, Women and Gender Studies or Sociology. This guide incorporates the [Articulation Agreement between BHC and SAU](#) dated December 13, 2013, and the 2021-2022 BHC and SAU catalogs.

The BSW Program has been granted full Initial Accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education through October 2029.

Degree Availability	AA offered on campus and online. BSW offered on campus.
GPA Requirements	Graduation from BHC <b>2.00</b> Admission to SAU <b>2.00</b> . Admission to SAU BSW Major <b>2.50</b>
Grade Requirements	SAU will grant transfer credit for college-level work in all areas that correspond to courses offered at SAU if a grade of a “C” or better is earned.
General Education	The AA degree satisfies SAU’s lower division general education requirements except for the Health and Fitness, and Second Language categories.
Credit Hours	<u>BHC credits on this guide: 60. SAU credits on this guide: 60.</u> ✓ A minimum of 60 credits is required to complete the AA degree. ✓ A minimum of 120 combined credits from BHC and SAU are required to complete the BSW. ✓ A maximum of 64 community college credits may be applied toward the BA.

### Other Requirements and Recommendations

- ✓ For BHC
  - Grades of “C” or better are required for ENG 101 and ENG 102.
  - One science course must be 4 credits minimum to include a lab.
  - Completion of one Non-Western studies course is required. Course options are available as an IAI Humanities, Fine Arts, or Social and Behavioral Science course. Consult a BHC Advisor for course options.
  - A second language is required by SAU for the bachelor degree. SAU recommends completing this requirement prior to transfer. Students can complete three years of the same second language in high school, or the same second language in college (or demonstrated proficiency) through the 102-level. *Students who already meet the second language requirement may choose elective courses in the AA degree (confirm transferability with an advisor.)*

- ✓ For SAU
  - All students must be officially accepted and admitted to SAU before applying to the BSW.
  - Click [here](#) for admission information to the BSW and to access the BSW Standard Application.
  - To be eligible for admission to the BSW, complete the following BHC courses with a “C” or better: BIOL 101, MATH 108, POLS 122, PSYC 101 or SOC 101, and SOC 222.
  - Complete a minimum of 30 credits at the 300/400 level.
  - Complete at least two writing intensive (WI) courses with a grade of “C” or better, with one taken at the 300/400 level.
  - The final 30 credits applied to the degree, or 45 of the last 60 credits, must be earned at SAU to meet the residency requirement.
  - SAU requires a Health and Fitness course which may be fulfilled at BHC with HEAL 102 (3 credits) or at SAU with KIN 149 (1 credit).
  
- ✓ View the [St. Ambrose Transfer Facts](#) for additional transfer information.

The following BHC course sequence may be modified to accommodate part-time students, or starting in a spring or summer semester. Selected BHC courses may also be offered in the summer or during the minimester. This plan assumes that students are academically eligible for all Semester 1 courses.

BHC Courses & Credit Hours			Transfers to SAU as
<b>Semester 1</b>			
ENG 101	Composition I	3	English elective
SPEC 101	Principles of Speech	3	COMM 129 Principles of Public Speaking
MATH 108	Statistics for General Ed	3	STAT 213 Applied Statistical Reasoning for the Sciences
SOC 101	Principles of Sociology	3	SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology
FREN 101 or SPAN 101	Elementary French I or Elementary Spanish I <i>if already met, take Elective</i>	4	General Education
<b>Semester total</b>		<b>16</b>	
<b>Semester 2</b>			
ENG 102	Composition II	3	ENGL 101 English Composition
BIOL 101	General Human Biology	4	BIOL 101 Principles of Biology
PSYC 101	Intro to Psychology	3	PSYC 105 Introduction to Psychology
FREN 102 or SPAN 102	Elementary French II or Elementary Spanish II <i>if already met, take Elective</i>	4	General Education
<b>Semester total</b>		<b>14</b>	
<b>Semester 3</b>			
SOC 222	Introduction to Social Work	3	SWK 201 Introduction to Social Work
	IAI Fine Arts	3	General Education
	HIST 222 Comparative Religions	3	THEO 250 Introduction to Comparative Religions
	Electives	6	Varies
<b>Semester total</b>		<b>15</b>	

Semester 4			
POLS 122	American National Government	3	PSCI 101 American Government
	IAI Physical Science	3 min.	General Education
PHIL 100, 101, 103 or 206	IAI PHIL course. <i>recommended as the pre-req. for SAU upper division THEO or PHIL course</i>	3	General Education
HEAL 102	Foundations of Wellness	3	KIN 149 Wellness Concepts
	Elective	3	Varies
<b>Semester total</b>		<b>15</b>	

### Complete the following courses after transfer to SAU

Semester 5	Semester 6	Semester 7	Semester 8
SWK 320 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I (3)	SWK 310 Social Welfare & Policy (3)	SWK 340 Social Work Research (3) <i>writing Intensive</i>	SWK 336 Generalist Practice III (3)
SWK 330 Generalist Practice I (3)	SWK 325 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (3)	SWK 400 Field Instruction I (3)**	SWK 401 Field Instruction II (3)**
SWK 360 Diversity (3)	SWK 333 Generalist Practice II (3)	SWK 402 Field Seminar I (1)	SWK 403 Field Seminar II (1)
Philosophy general education (3)*	Writing Intensive Course from any department (3)	Theology general education (3)*	Philosophy or Theology course 300 level (3)
Elective (3)	Elective (3)	Electives (5)	Electives (5)
<b>Semester total (15)</b>	<b>Semester total (15)</b>	<b>Semester total (15)</b>	<b>Semester total (15)</b>
*one course must be upper division.    **includes 200 hours in field agency (13 hours per week on average).			

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