



Southwestern Illinois College

Associate in Arts

GEOGRAPHY - Teacher Licensure - Grades 9-12

Completion of an Associate in Arts or Science degree at Southwestern Illinois College fulfills SIUE’s general education requirements, with the exception of an Interdisciplinary Studies course that all students must take during their junior and senior year at SIUE.

This “Transfer Program Guide” is an **example** of proposed curriculum for students to use while completing their associate’s degree. Reading, writing and math placement could alter the course sequencing and transfer date. Therefore students should begin sequencing their reading/writing (if applicable) and math & science courses during the first semester, paying close attention to prerequisites. Students have the option of taking summer classes to lessen fall and spring course loads.

It is highly recommended that students meet with a SWIC advisor each semester. Please see “**Important Student Notes**” located on page of two of this transfer guide.

Fall Year 1

SWIC Course	Hours
ENG 101 Rhetoric & Composition I	3
COMM 151 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
GEOG 152 World Regional Geography	3
IAI IAI General Humanities	3
¹ MATH 112 College Algebra	4
Total	16

Spring Year 1

SWIC Course	Hours
ENG 102 Rhetoric & Composition II	3
¹ ED 255 Introduction to Education	3
POLS 240 Comparative Politics	3
IAI IAI General Humanities or Fine Arts	3
¹ IAI IAI Mathematics	4
Total	16

Fall Year 2

SWIC Course	Hours
ES 101 Earth Science	4
SOC 153 Introductory Sociology	3
GEOG 202 Economic Geography	3
IAI IAI Life Science	4
IAI IAI Fine Arts	3
Total	17

Spring Year 2

SWIC Course	Hours
ANTH 150 Cultural Anthropology	3
ECON 201 Principles of Econ I or II	3
HIST 101/102 World Civilization I or II	3
POLS 270 Intrnational Relations	3
IAI IAI Human Well-Being	2
² Elective	1
Total	15
Associate Total	64

¹Students completing student teaching by 2022 will be required to take ED 255. The course will not be required post 2022. In that case, students may replace ED 255 with an elective.

²MATH 120 or higher is required for the Geography major. Students who have taken above MATH 120 should see an Academic Advisor to adjust their elective and/or IAI math requirements.

Students receive an automatic Social Science Education minor with the completion of the degree. Recommended SWIC courses for completion of this minor (with grades of “C” or higher): ANTH 150, SOC 153, ECON 201, ECON 202, POLS 240, POLS 150. Minor requirements can be completed at SWIC or SIUE.



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IMPORTANT STUDENT NOTES

The preceding information is provided to assist students in the transfer process. In no way does this document substitute for meeting with an academic advisor. Students are advised to meet on a regular basis with advisors at SWIC and SIUE. Courses taken through dual credit can be applied to required SIUE coursework; please contact SWIC advisor for more information. **The Associate degree requires students to complete one Human Relations course and one Non-Western Course. These requirements may be met with a Fine Arts, Humanities, Social Science, or Behavioral Science.**

Students have 2 options when pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Geography – Secondary Education.

- A Bachelor of Arts degree will require 2 semesters of the same foreign language, which can be taken at either SWIC or SIUE, in addition to 8 Humanities and/or Fine Arts Courses (some of which will be completed with the Associate degree.)
- A Bachelor of Science degree will require completion of 8 courses in life, physical, or social science, in addition to 2 courses with a lab component (some of which will be met with the completion of the Associate degree.)

Students should begin a file with an SIUE Education Advisor after their first semester at SWIC by calling the SIUE "School of Education, Health, and Human Behavior" Student Services office at 618-650-3940. Students do not have to be admitted to SIUE before beginning their file.

DECLARATION REQUIREMENTS (9 – 12 Licensure)

- A cumulative GPA of 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher

ADMISSION TO TEACHER LICENSURE

In order to be admitted into the teacher licensure program, students must:

- Receive a grade of "C" or above in all general education, major content, and professional education courses.
- Complete 43 semester hours of course credit and have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher (this includes work at all institutions attended.)
- Successfully complete ED 255

Please note that the State of Illinois is making significant changes in teacher education that may result in revised standards, programs, testing requirements and teaching certificates. It is very important that all prospective and current candidates work closely with their advisors to remain current about course and curriculum changes affecting progress through the programs.