

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
EDWARDSVILLE**

**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
<sup>1</sup> MATH 112 College Algebra	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

**Spring Year 1**

SWIC Course	Hours
ENG 102 Rhetoric & Composition II	3
ED 255 <sup>1</sup> Intro to Education or Elective	3
POLS 240 Comparative Politics	3
IAI IAI General Humanities or Fine Arts	3
<sup>1</sup> IAI IAI Mathematics	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

**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
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>

**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
<sup>2</sup> Elective	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Associate Total</b>	<b>64</b>

<sup>1</sup>Students may replace ED 255 with an elective.

<sup>2</sup>MATH 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.)

\*A course that satisfies both the ERGU and EREG requirement will only be counted as one and not both.

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

\*A class that satisfies both the ERGU and EREG requirements can only be counted as one of these requirements and not both.

**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.) In addition, a "B" (3.0 average or higher) in the major is required in order to student teach. No course with a grade less than a "C" will be applied to meet professional educator licensure requirements.

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.