ASSOCIATE IN ARTS
TO A
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIOLOGY

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI ST. LOUIS
SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE
TRANSFER GUIDE

This guide is intended for students who plan on transferring from Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC) with a completed Associate in Arts to the University of Missouri – St. Louis (UMSL) to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Biology.

For more information on the Bachelor of Arts in Biology, please visit our online Course Catalog.

The following are the requirements of the SWIC Associate in Arts degree program as they are recommended for students intending to continue on into UMSL’s Bachelor of Arts in Biology. Completing these requirements as they are recommended here will maximize the transferability of a student’s coursework toward their UMSL Bachelor’s degree. Further details of this Associates degree program, as well as comprehensive lists of courses that satisfy each General Education component, may be found within the SWIC course catalog or may be obtained through a SWIC advisor.

This guide is intended for use under the advisement of a SWIC Academic Advisor or UMSL Student Recruitment Specialist and is not considered substitution of such advisement.

GENERAL EDUCATION

Communications – Written & Oral 9 hours required
☐ Complete the following ENG courses with a C- grade or higher selected from the following:
  ENG 101 Rhetoric and Composition I (3)
  ENG 102 Rhetoric and Composition II (3)
☐ Complete 1 of the following courses:
  COMM 151 Fundamentals of Public Speaking (3)
  COMM 155 Interpersonal Communication (3)

Mathematics 3 hours required
☐ Complete 1 of the following courses with a C- or better:
  MATH 111 Liberal Arts Mathematics (3)
  MATH 112 College Algebra (4) – Or other, higher level MATH course

Social & Behavioral Sciences 9 hours required
☐ Complete 1 of the following courses (Civics requirement)
  POLS 150 Intro to American Government (3)
  HIST 180 U.S. History to 1865 (3)
  HIST 181 U.S. History, 1865 to the Present (3)
☐ Complete 2 additional courses in Social & Behavioral Sciences

Humanities & Fine Arts 9 hours required
☐ Complete 1 of the following courses: *each course meets UMSL’s cultural diversity requirement
  HIST 286 History of Religion (3)
  LIT 205 Lit of Non-Western Countries (3)
  PHIL 155 Non-Western Philosophy (3)
  MUS 110 World Music (3)
☐ Complete Level I in a Foreign Language Sequence*
☐ Complete Level II in a Foreign Language Sequence*

Life/Physical Sciences 7 hours minimum, must include at least 1 lab class
☐ BIOL 101 Principles of Biology I (4)
☐ CHEM 105 General Chemistry (5)

The information in this Transfer Guide is in accordance with the published 2020-2021 Course Catalogs of both UMSL and SWIC.
REQUIRED ELECTIVES for AA-General Transfer Studies (60 hours minimum)

- Complete Level III in a Foreign Language* or Elective course
- MATH 114 Trigonometry (3)
- BIOL 102 Principles of Biology II (4)
- PHYS 151 College Physics I (5)
- PHYS 152 College Physics II (5)
- MATH 213 Calculus for Business & Social Sciences (4) or MATH 203 Analytic Geometry & Calculus I (5)
- CHEM 106 General Chemistry II (5)

*Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Biology degree at UMSL must complete the third-level course of a foreign language. Without placement, proficiency examination, or other exemption of coursework, this requires the completion of two prerequisite foreign language courses as well. A SWIC student that completes one of the following foreign language sequences will have their UMSL Foreign Language requirement considered satisfied upon transferring.

**Note: Students may also elect to begin a foreign language sequence in German at SWIC, however, UMSL no longer offers the third level of German, and so the student would need to pursue this final language course at another institution under the guidance of the UMSL Department of Language and Cultural Studies. This sequence rule is the same for Chinese and Russian. UMSL does not offer these two additional language options; therefore, if a SWIC student completed the first two levels, upon admission to UMSL a student would need to complete the third level at another institution under the guidance of the appropriate Department and advisor.

For questions about this transfer guide please call the Office of Admissions at 314-516-5451